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What's up with rom coms?

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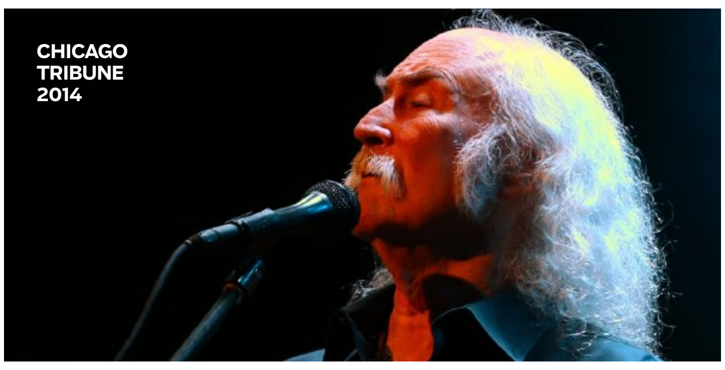

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Philip Rega stands outside his home in Back of the Yards on Thursday. On Wedneday, his 21-year-old son, Jesus, who has developmental disabilities, was shot in the head and torso while waiting for a school bus outside their home. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

'It's disgusting and it's shameful'

Developmentally disabled man may lose sight, taste after shooting, says father, who witnessed Back of the Yards attack

By Rosemary Sobol
Chicago Tribune

Panic and fury have taken hold of Philip Rega, the father of a developmentally disabled man wounded in a hail of gunfire in Chicago's Back of the Yards neighborhood on Wednesday while he waited for a school bus.

The 21-year-old son, Jesus, remains in critical condition at Stroger Hospital, but is "responding pretty well," after being shot in the head and shoulder, his father said.

In the attack, about 6:30 a.m., three assailants yelled gang slogans and fired more than 30 times from across the street where Jesus, who is "nonverbal" and has cognitive delays, was waiting for the bus with his dad and brother, 15, who also is developmentally disabled.

"All I could see was the flame from the barrel of the gun,"

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Jesus Rega, 21, who has developmental disabilities, was shot in the head and torso while waiting for a school bus. **FAMILY PHOTO**

> ***"It's gang life and gang activities only lead to one direction. We understand that when we see gangbanger shootings and killing each other, but when it's someone completely innocent, the innocent of innocents."***
>
> *— Ald. Ray Lopez, 15th*

Treasury acts as US hits debt limit

'Extraordinary' steps taken as House GOP, Biden start far apart

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government bumped up against its debt limit Thursday, prompting the Treasury Department to take "extraordinary" accounting steps to avoid default — as friction between President Joe Biden and House Republicans raised concern about whether the U.S. can sidestep an economic crisis.

The Treasury Department said in a letter to congressional leaders it had started taking "extraordinary measures" as the government had run up against its legal borrowing capacity of $31.381 trillion.

An artificially imposed cap, the debt ceiling has been increased roughly 80 times since the 1960s.

"I respectfully urge Congress to act promptly to protect the full faith and credit of the United States," Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen wrote in the letter.

Markets so far remain relatively calm, given that the government can temporarily rely on accounting tweaks to stay open and any threats to the economy would be several months away. Even many worried analysts assume there will be a deal.

But this particular moment seems more fraught than past brushes with the debt limit because of the broad differences between Biden and new House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, who presides over a restive Republican caucus.

Those differences increase the risk that the government could default on its obligations for political reasons. That could rattle financial markets and plunge the world's largest economy into a preventable recession.

Biden and McCarthy, R-Calif., have several months to reach agreement as the Treasury Department imposes

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CHICAGO MAYORAL RACE

'You can't be at odds with everyone'

Candidates Green, King take aim at Lightfoot's style of leadership

By Gregory Pratt
Chicago Tribune

Two of the candidates trying to unseat Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot decried her combative style and said they would lift the city out of crisis by being collaborative, listening to those they disagree with and redirecting public resources to improve public safety and neighborhood investment.

"You can't be at odds with everybody and move the city forward," Ald. Sophia King said during an interview with the Tribune Editorial Board Thursday.

"She's a petty person," said activist Ja'Mal Green, in reference to Lightfoot, whom neither candidate named. "Whenever you disagree with her, you're cut off."

Hours before they were due to participate in the first televised debate of the election, Green and King met with the editorial board, which operates separately from the newsroom, and offered several ideas to take the city in what they said would be a better direction. Their plans ranged from King's idea to use drones as a crime-fighting tool to Green's suggestion to create a public bank to help invest in city neighborhoods.

The board previously met with Ald. Roderick Sawyer, businessman Willie Wilson, state Rep. Kambium "Kam" Buckner and former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas, and has scheduled a session next week with the remaining candidates: Lightfoot, Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson and U.S. Rep. Jesús "Chuy" García.

Throughout the roughly hour-long endorsement session, King emphasized that she would be collaborative and not combative in addressing the city's problems.

"We often deal with policy on the fringe: 'Defund the police,' 'law

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Mayoral candidates Ald. Sophia King, 4th, and Ja'Mal Green meet with members of the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board on Thursday. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/ CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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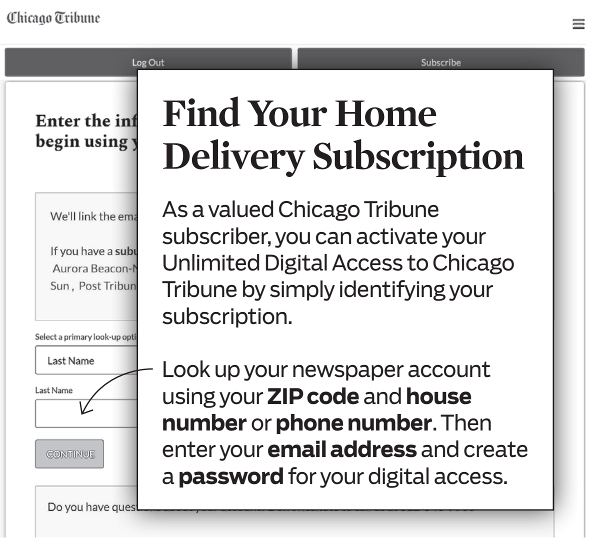

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Split verdict in federal insider trading case

By Jason Meisner
Chicago Tribune

In a split verdict, a federal jury on Thursday convicted a Chicago attorney of using insider information from a friend to make a windfall in stock purchases involving an education-technology company, while acquitting the friend on all counts.

The jury deliberated for about nine hours over two days before the verdict was announced Thursday afternoon in U.S. District Judge Manish Shah's courtroom.

The attorney, David Sargent, 38, of Glenview, was found guilty of six counts of securities fraud, but acquitted of conspiracy to commit securities fraud.

His co-defendant, Christopher Klundt, 39, of San Francisco, was found not guilty of all seven counts of conspiracy and securities fraud, a rare outcome in a building where prosecutors win more than 90% of cases that go to trial.

In an emailed statement, Klundt's attorney, Terence Campbell, wrote that Klundt and his family were "extremely grateful to the jury for seeing the truth in this case."

"The evidence in this case proved Mr. Klundt never engaged in any misconduct — much less any illegal behavior — and the jury's verdict proclaims that truth loud and clear," the statement read. "We are profoundly happy that Chris now has his life back after this long ordeal."

Sargent's attorney, meanwhile, called the verdict "inconsistent" and said he would be filing a motion for post-trial judgment of acquittal.

"It is impossible for a rational jury to have found that Mr. Klundt had not tipped Mr. Sargent, and yet somehow also found that Mr. Sargent was tipped," attorney Christopher Grohman said.

An indictment filed in January 2022 accused Sargent of obtaining nonpublic information from Klundt, a close friend and former colleague, about Chegg, the California-based education technology company where Klundt was a manager.

The information pertained to the company's 2020 first quarter earnings, which Klundt knew would be strong based on internal meetings he had attended, the indictment alleged. The indictment included an emoji Klundt allegedly texted to Sargent after the earnings call featuring a face with dollar signs for eyes.

After receiving the information from Klundt, Sargent purchased numerous shares and call options of the company's stock ahead of the earnings announcement, then quickly sold them after the information became public for a total profit of about $110,000, prosecutors alleged.

According to the indictment, Sargent and Klundt had been friends since attending the University of Wisconsin at Madison together. They co-founded an online studying platform for high school and college students, and continued to collaborate after Sargent left to earn his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law. Klundt was also a groomsman at Sargent's wedding, according to the charges.

Klundt denied knowing Sargent, however, when federal regulators asked about people who'd traded Chegg securities in advance of the May 2020 earnings release, the indictment stated.

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Shooting

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Rega said.

The assault on the family, which occurred on the 4700 block of South Wolcott Avenue, sparked immediate outrage and condemnation from both law enforcement and public officials.

"Someone with special needs being approached and having nearly 40 rounds fired at him … it's disgusting and it's shameful," said Ald. Ray Lopez, 15th, whose ward the shooting was in. He told the Tribune on Thursday evening that he is "disgusted" by the attack and his emotions are still "raging."

"It's gang life and gang activities only lead to one direction," Lopez said. "We understand that when we see gangbanger shootings and killing each other, but when it's someone completely innocent, the innocent of innocents," it reaches a new low, he said.

Doctors told the family that Jesus may lose some vision and taste, according to Rega, whose 15-year-old son is also nonverbal and has similar developmental disabilities as his older brother. "His condition is pretty good. He's stable but still in critical condition," said Rega. "He's opening his eyes and moving around, responding pretty well."

The morning of the shooting, the brothers, headed to their school, got out there early with Rega, not wanting to miss the bus, which usually arrives sometime before 7 a.m., Rega said. He was holding his teen son's hand.

It was dark still but Rega was able to make out three assailants wearing black clothing walking toward them from 48th Street.

According to a Chicago police report, as they got closer, one of them screamed: "What do you think you're doing? Who you be?" The three then began yelling "2-6!" according to the report.

Rega whipped out his cellphone and began to call 911 when one of the group began firing — at least 30 times from across the street. ShotSpotter, a gunfire detection system, alerted to 39 rounds at the scene, and multiple shell casings were recovered, Deering District Cmdr. Don Jerome said at a news conference Wednesday afternoon.

Still clutching his hand, Rega jumped on his 15-year-old and they "ducked" to the ground. Though Jesus "automatically dropped" to the ground and was only 5 feet away, Rega could not reach him in time.

Jesus collapsed and began bleeding from the head. He'd been shot in the forehead, the top of the head and the left shoulder, police said.

As Rega ran to him to give him comfort and keep him revived, he stayed on the line "every little minute" with the 911 dispatcher.

"I was in panic mode, I was furious and panicky," Rega said. "I was trying to protect my sons more than anything."

They were right across the street from us when they began "using gang profanity," Rega recalled.

"They thought I was one," Rega said, referring to a member of an opposing gang.

As detectives were investigating, an 80-year-old man who lives nearby approached and handed them two bullets that he found inside his house after they'd smashed through his front door. Jerome said Wednesday that the location of the shooting is a "gang area" with an ongoing gang conflict. After the attack, the three assailants ran away and were not in custody, police said. No arrests have been made.

An anonymous $1,000 reward has been issued for any information that leads to the capture of the assailants, said Lopez, and a nearby school has footage of the attack that they will be sharing with detectives.

Lopez believes the community needs to become much angrier because "that's the only way this is going to change."

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SAVINGS UPDATE

Are CDs guaranteed?

By Sabrina Karl

When it comes to earning a return on your money, most options trade risk for return. The greater the risk you're willing to accept, the more you can potentially earn.

Certificates of deposit are no exception, except in reverse: in exchange for a modest, capped return, your risk is almost nil.

CDs are virtually risk-free in two ways. First, they carry an explicit, unmovable interest rate. You know before depositing funds what rate the bank or credit union has agreed to pay you, and for what period of time you're both committed.

The only exceptions are CDs with names like "raise your rate". These special certificates allow you to improve your rate during the CD's term, at your direction. But they don't include any reciprocal option for the financial institution to do the rate changing.

But what if the bank with your CD goes under? Even here, you're almost always protected. The vast majority of banks are FDIC-insured, as are most credit unions, with NCUA insurance. These two federal programs provide an important safety net to consumers, keeping them whole even in the case of a bank failure.

Deposit insurance covers up to $250,000 held by one individual at a single bank. So if you have more than that in deposit accounts, you'll want to spread it out across multiple institutions.

A bank failure does present the only real risk of a CD, since you'll likely be offered the choice of cashing out your CD, or continuing at an almost certainly lower rate. Your risk, therefore, is only the possible loss of earning the CD's advertised rate for the full term.

An infinitesimal number of banks fail these days, so for savers wanting to invest some of their funds in stable, fixed-return vehicles, there is hardly a safer option than CDs.

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Cameras proposed to catch bike-lane parkers

Floated to test idea in high-crash areas

By A.D. Quig
Chicago Tribune

A motorist enters his vehicle parked on a protected bicycle lane in the 500 block of West Kinzie Street in Chicago in June 2022. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Following a flurry of activism around bicycle and pedestrian safety in Chicago last year — and the successful passage of a law that sharply raises penalties for parking in bike lanes — a new ordinance has been proposed that would use mounted city cameras to enforce such rules.

The proposal was introduced by Mayor Lori Lightfoot — who had to chastise her own security detail last year for parking in a bike lane — and several aldermen who have been pushing more strict enforcement of bike lane protections. It aims to "result in safer driver behavior throughout the city."

If approved by the City Council, the idea would be piloted in an area roughly bounded by North Avenue, Ashland Avenue, Roosevelt Road and the lake, which the ordinance says "contains the highest concentration of serious crashes, traffic congestion, public transit service, pedestrian activity and commercial activity in the city."

The so-called "Smart Streets" pilot would use "automated parking enforcement systems to record covered offenses and enforce parking regulations within the pilot area."

Vehicle owners could be ticketed by mail for parking in bike lanes, bus-only lanes, crosswalks, bus stops and no parking zones, and for violations captured from cameras fixed on city poles or on the front of city or CTA vehicles, according to a release from the mayor's office.

The ordinance also proposes a 30-day warning period for first-time violators and anyone ticketed within 30 days of the installation of a new camera. The pilot is scheduled to last through June 30, 2025.

Fines can range from $60 to $250 "depending on the specific parking or standing violation in the code," Chicago Department of Transportation spokeswoman Erica Schroeder told the Tribune in an email, and "low-income drivers will continue to be eligible for reduced-priced tickets and other vehicle-related debt relief" through the city's Clear Path Relief program.

Standing in a bike lane or double parking in the central business district are eligible for $250 fines, and loading-zone violations range from $60-$140.

A separate pilot would be established to test solutions to get standing vehicles, such as trucks making deliveries or cars waiting to pick up passengers, moving along more quickly, as well as the potential creation of a "reasonable fee" for the use of curb space in the same pilot area.

The second pilot would use license plate readers to enforce parking violations in commercial loading zones, with an aim to prevent double parking "that puts drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians in unsafe conditions; decrease vehicle idling and reduce emissions; and create a more efficient system for payment and drop-offs for commercial drivers," according to the mayor's office.

Separately, Ald. Susan Sadlowski Garza, 10th, also introduced an ordinance to give drivers for companies, including Lyft, Uber and food delivery services, a chance to appeal if they are kicked off a ride-share or delivery app.

Drivers say they lose access to all ride-share and delivery apps if they are deactivated on just one of them, which they say is "a damaging policy" that happens without due process, according to a release from a coalition of Illinois labor groups that includes Justice for App Workers Midwest and the Illinois Independent Drivers Guild.

"The ordinance would create a Driver Resource Center to review deactivation cases, ensure fair compensation for lost wages if reactivated, and include further initiatives to protect the livelihoods of Chicago ride-share and delivery drivers," according to the release.

It has been referred to City Council's license committee.

Janiah Caine, a plaintiff in a lawsuit alleging that DCFS has willfully and wrongly incarcerated hundreds of children in its care, joins Cook County Public Guardian Charles Golbert, second from left, and lawyer Russell Ainsworth, right, at a news conference on Thursday. Caine, now 18, was held while a minor in the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center for more than five months even though a judge at the time had ordered her release. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Lawsuit accuses DCFS of wrongly confining children

By Jeremy Gorner
Chicago Tribune

Children who become wards of the state in Illinois have for years been wrongly confined to juvenile detention after a judge orders their release, depriving them of "the everyday joys, experiences, and opportunities of childhood," according to a federal lawsuit filed Thursday.

The lawsuit accuses Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Director Marc Smith, who was hand-picked by Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker, and his predecessors of failing to ensure that wards of the state are placed in adequate residential facilities, leaving them instead in juvenile detention centers.

The problem has been ongoing for more than 30 years, according to the lawsuit, which was filed on behalf of several minors the lawsuit says were unjustly treated by the agency.

"The damage caused by unjustly incarcerating these children is tremendous and undeniable. These children are isolated from loved ones and support systems," the 34-page lawsuit states. "They are deprived of the everyday joys, experiences, and opportunities of childhood. Indeed, children incarcerated in juvenile jail are confined to their cells for the majority of the day, have limited opportunities to exercise, and are exposed to unnecessary violence and dangers."

DCFS for more than three decades has operated under federal court oversight due to litigation from the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois calling for reform in the child welfare system. The department made slow but steady progress in the 1990s, but then entered an era of massive turnover and controversy, with 14 different agency leaders from 2003 to 2019.

"Republican, Democratic, it is a bipartisan problem and now is the time to fix it because part of that accountability is the children are suffering the harm," Russell Ainsworth, a lawyer with the firm Loevy & Loevy, said at a news conference in the West Loop.

"If you continue to harm the children then we will sue you and we will force you to compensate those children who have been harmed because they are the ones who are bearing the cost of these policies.

"The only fair result is that the children be compensated, the practice end, and this never happen again to any child ever again."

Speaking to reporters on a call from the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Pritzker said he had not seen the lawsuit and could not comment on its allegations.

DCFS spokesman Bill McCaffrey said in a statement that the agency "works as quickly as possible to place youth in appropriate and safe settings."

"Of course, we can only place youth where we have availability that meets their needs, which is why the department is also working to expand the capacity that was hollowed out under previous administrations," McCaffrey said.

He also said DCFS has reduced the number of youths kept in detention centers despite previously being cleared to be released.

In fiscal year 2022, DCFS had 57 youths who were allowed to be released from custody but forced to remain in detention centers because there was no residential placement for them. That figure was down from 67 in fiscal year 2021 and 64 in fiscal year 2020, McCaffrey said.

Children are put in DCFS care if there is a legal basis for the state to assume guardianship. For example, the agency will take responsibility of a child if there's sufficient evidence that the child has been abused or neglected, among other reasons.

The lawsuit states that DCFS must house each child "in the least restrictive (most family-like) setting that is in the child's best interest."

One of the plaintiffs, Janiah Caine, now 18, was held while still a minor in the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center for more than five months even though a judge at that time had ordered her release.

During that time, Caine was unable to go to her grandmother's funeral because she couldn't get hold of her DCFS caseworker, she told reporters.

"My caseworker wasn't answering the phone and she wasn't reaching out to me," said Caine.

She also said she didn't feel safe at the detention center.

"The staff don't make you feel safe either. They're not respectful to you. They treat you like nothing," Caine said. "I felt horrible. I felt so many emotions, like, anger, sadness."

According to the lawsuit, another minor was kept in the detention center for 5 ½ months despite having a court order in place for his release.

The minor, who has attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder and another issue affecting his intellectual function, was not able to receive adequate care for his development and rehabilitation, the lawsuit stated.

Ainsworth, the plaintiffs' attorney, called the situation "a very simple problem with a simple solution," which is for DCFS to find more residential space for these children.

"All we need are more beds. It's just a simple mathematic equation. We do not have enough beds for children," he said. "We have a budget for the beds and yet DCFS refuses to make those beds available for kids."

Tribune reporter Dan Petrella contributed.

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ORLAND PARK REFERENDUM

Key 2023 ballot query approved

Voters to be asked if village should change form of municipal government

By Mike Nolan
Daily Southtown

Orland Park voters will be asked in a referendum April 4 whether they want to change the form of government the village has operated under for nearly four decades.

The Village Board approved the binding referendum Monday, stating the village manager now "has final decision-making authority in key areas" and "acts as administrative and executive head of the village government for key purposes."

The ballot question will ask voters whether to drop the managerial form. If approved, Mayor Keith Pekau said the village would still have a village manager, but with more narrowly defined authority.

That authority includes appointment and removal of "all officers not required to be elected." The manager is not an elected position and "not directly accountable to the electorate," according to the ordinance calling for the referendum.

Under the managerial form, the authority of the mayor and Village Board is "largely limited to legislative purposes," responsible for setting village policy and guidelines, approving ordinances, paying village bills and approving village budgets.

In seeking to abandon the managerial form of government, the mayor and trustees have determined that they "should be responsible for the principal final executive and administrative decisions of the village," according to the ordinance.

While a village manager acts as the village's chief executive officer as far as overseeing village departments and day-to-day operations, that CEO role would be primarily filled by the mayor if the managerial form were to be abandoned.

Pekau said key decisions should be made by elected officials, who are directly beholden to residents.

"Along with accountability should come the authority for making decisions that one is held accountable for," Pekau said.

Orland Park voters established the managerial form of government by referendum in November 1983, according to the village's website. The first village manager was hired in March 1984.

Then-Mayor Fred Owens led a campaign to bring the managerial form to Orland Park, which was experiencing significant commercial and residential growth, with a professional public administrator overseeing day-to-day village operations.

Owens, according to the village, realized elected officials who held other jobs and served in their elected positions on a part-time basis were not in the best position of running day-to-day operations.

The mayor's position is part-time, but was full-time when Pekau was elected to his first term in 2017.

Pekau said Tuesday there is no intention of making the position full-time should the referendum be approved and the managerial form of government is abandoned.

In March 2019, before Pekau gained a majority of votes on the Village Board, trustees changed the position to part time with a corresponding cut in pay, taking effect with the spring 2021 election when Pekau won reelection to a second term.

As a full-time position, the job paid $150,000 annually, but that was slashed to $40,000 when the job became part time.

Months before the 2017 election, the Village Board approved changing the mayor's job from part time to full time, with the added duties of being Orland Park's lead person on economic development.

Pekau said the move to put the question on the ballot does not reflect any dissatisfaction with the job manager George Koczwara is doing.

He said this will allow residents to decide what authority the mayor and board should have.

"It's appropriate for the people to make that choice," Pekau said.

Koczwara was hired as Orland Park's manager in September 2019 and previously was Crystal Lake's deputy city manager and finance director.

Before Koczwara was hired, former village Trustee Tom Dubelbeis was interim manager following the resignation in May 2019 of Joe La Margo, who had been manager since September 2017.

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Mayor

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Mayoral candidate Ald. Sophia King, 4th, meets with the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

and order.' Most people sit in the middle," said King who, despite being chair of the council's Progressive Caucus, stressed she doesn't always agree with her progressive colleagues and has sought middle ground on issues such as public safety, saying the city can "uplift police and hold them accountable."

King highlighted her public safety plan to reinvigorate the Police Department by enticing retired officers to return, expanding surveillance technology and overhauling work schedules to allow for more time off. In addition, King called for using technology such as drones to decrease police reliance on high-speed car chases, which have cost the city millions in lawsuits over pursuits gone awry.

These drones, she argued, would track fleeing vehicles, allow police units to know when to converge on a suspect and help prevent drivers from escaping. She clarified that the drones would not be equipped with weapons to shoot suspects.

In response to a question about people who are concerned about ultraprogressive candidates, King noted she believes a tax hike on $1 million homes would be "too aggressive" and noted her support for a West Side Chicago police academy that was opposed by activists.

Regarding Lightfoot's leadership style, the mayor has blamed pushback on racism and sexism, saying in 2021 that "about 99%" of the criticism she receives over her temperament is due to the fact she's a Black woman. King — who is the only other woman in the race and who is also Black — said Thursday that argument is "really not fair."

Lightfoot has also embraced the perception that she's a fighter. In a video announcing her bid for reelection, for instance, Lightfoot sought to transform the criticism that she's too combative into a strength by vowing to keep fighting for Chicago residents as she seeks a second term. But she has also made efforts to soften her image in recent months.

For his part, Green too noted he is a progressive but also a real estate agent and businessman, to underscore his ability to moderate. In his opening remarks Thursday, Green said he has long had a disdain for Chicago politicians due to the bloodshed and disinvestment he has seen on the streets.

"I saw a lot of hopelessness in a community of folks who feel like they can't do nothing more, be anything better or go any further than their neighborhood," Green said.

He also cited his work as a surrogate for U.S. Sen. and former presidential candidate Bernie Sanders, protests against Chicago police misconduct and activism around neighborhood investment.

Green noted his 2020 campaign to get Chase Bank to increase lending to Black communities, which first got him banned from the bank's locations, but Chase later promised to increase mortgage lending to Black and Latino families by $600 million over five years. A Chase official credited Green with bringing the issue to their attention.

Green also talked about a public bank, an idea he previously unrolled by saying the "Bank of Chicago" would be governed by a nine-member voting board to determine where the funds will go. Three would hail from banking backgrounds, three would be community members and three would be elected. The bank would start with $250 million from the city's reserves, $250 million from the state and more would come from federal relief dollars, he previously said.

One of the city's bigger problems, Green said, is the lack of a pipeline for good jobs. He proposed a program where Chicago youths could be trained to upgrade lead pipes, which would teach them a trade and give them work, while also addressing a major problem.

King also talked about the need to bring trades into Chicago Public Schools. One of the schools in her ward, Dunbar Vocational Career Academy, works with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to give students skills. She also wants more after-school and Park District programs. Many calls to police are for nonviolent and mental health issues, she said, and the city needs to expand its alternative crisis response model.

At the end of the session, Green and King hugged, a far cry from the acrimony that has sometimes characterized bigger forums with more candidates.

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Naperville council OK's housing incentive plan

By Suzanne Baker
Naperville Sun

Naperville may become a place where people who work and spend their money can also afford to live.

The Naperville City Council this week unanimously agreed to establish an incentive program that would guarantee breaks on fees and city requirements if a developer agrees to build rental or for-sale housing that is classified as affordable.

Incentives include a choice of reductions to yard setbacks, parking for rental units, required masonry materials on side and rear facades, and outdoor common spaces.

Also included is a possible 25% reduction in the park donation paid to Naperville Park District and increases in lot coverage and building height.

The number of enticements allowed would increase depending on the affordable units proposed and if lower incomes are targeted.

Property already zoned for single-family homes or duplexes would not be eligible for the incentives.

Mayor Steve Chirico said it's taken years to get this program right for the city.

"For an ordinance really to pass the test of time, it needs to go through that process. A lot of people have opinions on it and we don't want to approve something to have it overturned by a future council," he said.

He believes the plan "will pass the test of time and will effectively achieve some of our goals," Chirico said.

Councilman Ian Holzhauer called it "a historic night for Naperville."

"We're envisioning an inclusive future where people who work in Naperville can afford to live in Naperville, where a setback in life doesn't mean there's no longer a place for you in the community," he said.

What they've put together is the end result of hearing from people of all generations, creeds, cultures, races and physical abilities who want to create a more inclusive community, Holzhauer said.

Housing is a sustainability issue, Councilman Benny White added.

"In order to sustain a community, we need to have housing choices for everyone. This goes to accomplishing that," he said.

Naperville often is referred to as the greatest city in America, and that's based on the outstanding teachers, police officers and firefighters who work in the city, White said. But they don't live in Naperville because they can't afford to live in the town where they work.

This ordinance will change that, he said.

Councilman Paul Hinterlong recalled meeting with DuPage Housing Alliance members when he first ran for the council in 2009 and thanked them for continuing to offer insight on affordable housing over the years.

While he still has reservations about the park donation and parking variances, "I'm willing to move forward with this and let things work themselves out as we go," he said.

Naperville resident Phil Meno, a member of the DuPage Housing Alliance, told the council the ordinance may not be not the ideal some had hoped for, but it does mark significant progress over the absence of any plan.

"You stand tonight on the cusp of taking the most significant single step yet toward achieving systematic and sustainable increases in affordable housing in Naperville well into the future," he said.

The next step will be for city staff to prepare the final ordinance for review by the council at a later date.

Besides the incentives program, the ordinance will include provisions covering for-sale homes after the initial sale, restrictions for rental units, affordable housing agreements, and enforcement.

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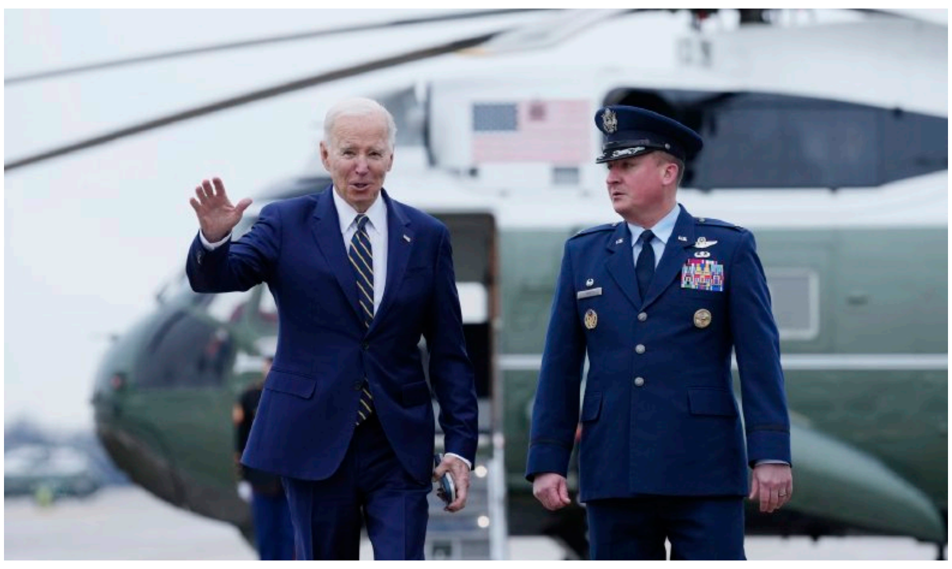

President Joe Biden walks toward Air Force One on Thursday at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. **SUSAN WALSH/AP**

Treasury

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measures to keep the government operating until at least June. But years of intensifying partisan hostility have led to a conflicting set of demands that jeopardize the ability of the lawmakers to work together on a basic duty.

Biden insists on a "clean" increase to the debt limit so that existing financial commitments can be sustained and is refusing to even start talks with Republicans. McCarthy is calling for negotiations that he believes will lead to spending cuts. It's unclear how much he wants to trim and whether fellow Republicans would support any deal after a testy start to the new Congress that required 15 rounds of voting to elect McCarthy as speaker.

McCarthy said Biden needs to recognize the political realities that come with a divided government. The speaker equates the debt ceiling to a credit card limit and calls for a level of fiscal restraint that did not occur under Republican President Donald Trump, who in 2019 signed a bipartisan suspension of the debt ceiling.

"Why create a crisis over this?" McCarthy said this week. "I mean, we've got a Republican House, a Democratic Senate. We've got the president there. I think it's arrogance to say, 'Oh, we're not going to negotiate about pretty much anything' and especially when it comes to funding."

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell said Thursday in Louisville, Kentucky, that he was unconcerned about the situation because debt ceiling increases are "always a rather contentious effort."

"America must never default on its debt," McConnell said. "We'll end up in some kind of negotiation with the administration over what are the circumstances or conditions under which the debts are going to be raised."

But any deal would also need to pass the Democratic-run Senate. Many Democratic lawmakers are skeptical about the ability to work with Republicans aligned with the "Make America Great Again" movement started by Trump. The MAGA movement has claimed that the 2020 election lost by Trump was rigged, a falsehood that contributed to the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

"This is not complicated: If the MAGA GOP stops paying our nation's bills, Americans will be the ones to pay the price," said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. "Political brinkmanship with the debt limit would be a massive hit to local economies, American families, and would be nothing less than an economic crisis at the hands of the Republicans."

The debt ceiling was originally a fix made during World War I that enabled bonds to be issued without requiring repeated congressional approvals. But in an era of polarization and rising debt loads, the limit has been transformed into a political bludgeon. It does not reflect the actual capacity of the federal government to borrow, simply how much it is legally able to do so without congressional signoff.

In order to keep the government open, the Treasury Department on Thursday was making a series of accounting maneuvers that would put a hold on contributions and investment redemptions for government workers' retirement and health care funds, giving the government enough financial space to handle its day-to-day expenses until roughly June.

What happens if these measures are exhausted without a debt limit deal is unknown. A prolonged default could be devastating, with crashing markets and panic-driven layoffs if confidence evaporated in a cornerstone of the global economy, the U.S. Treasury notes.

The underlying challenge is that the government would have to balance its books on a daily basis if it lacks the ability to issue debt. If the government cannot issue debt, it would have to impose cuts equal in size on an annual basis to 5% of the total U.S. economy.

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A customer gets her order from the Happy Lobster food truck during the Food Truck Festival in Aurora in 2018. The city of Aurora is looking at changes to its food truck ordinance. **DAVID SHAROS/BEACON-NEWS**

Aurora eyeing changes to food truck ordinance

By Steve Lord
Beacon-News

Aurora is trying to develop an ordinance regulating food trucks that balances the ability of mobile food vendors and traditional restaurants to do business.

Members of the City Council Rules, Administration and Procedure Committee this week heard staff recommendations and direction toward a new ordinance.

City staff will come back to the committee Feb. 7 with a draft ordinance, with plans for it to go before the full council at a later Committee of the Whole meeting.

The committee has been looking at new restrictions in the mobile food vendor ordinance to better direct where food trucks are allowed. City officials said the overriding concern is that food trucks can get too close to traditional, brick and mortar restaurants.

"Most of the complaints come from places that look up and, all of a sudden across the street, up pops a food truck," said Alex Alexandrou, the city's chief management officer.

Deborah Lang, assistant corporation counsel, who has been working on the ordinance, said city staff has been looking at limiting food trucks to downtown, industrial areas and special events.

The consensus of committee members seemed to agree with that, with aldermen saying the spirit of food trucks is that they cover so-called "food deserts" in the city — places with few or no restaurants — and not compete with traditional restaurants.

That was the view of Ald. Ron Woerman, at large, who himself is part-owner and operator of Spartan Ale House on the West Side and O'Malley's on the East Side.

"As a brick and mortar owner, we have made a commitment, we can't pick up and go, we have to pay property taxes," he said. "The idea of food trucks is they fill a gap. They shouldn't be sitting in front of a Buffalo Wild Wings. That's my issue with the whole thing."

Ald. Edward Bugg, 9th Ward, Rules, Administration and Procedure Committee chairman, pointed out that the conflict with food trucks was more acute when the coronavirus pandemic forced restrictions on traditional restaurants.

"Food trucks definitely have their place," Bugg said. "But brick and mortar restaurants are there … we need to give credence to them."

Currently, the city allows food trucks in three places downtown, including at the far south end of a parking lot along Benton Street, designated as a food truck area. A mobile food vendor needs to get a $500 license from the city and a certificate and repeated approval from the county health department to do business in the city.

They currently also are allowed to be outside of 100 feet from a traditional restaurant. That might change, as aldermen discussed if that is far enough. "I have concerns that food trucks downtown goes against what we're trying to do downtown," said Ald. Emmanuel Llamas, 1st Ward.

Mike Nelson, the city's special events director, said it often depends on what's going on downtown. For instance, when the city ran the Stolp Island Block Party, which closed Stolp Island, the demand for food was so great that the brick and mortar restaurants could not handle it.

"Two or three restaurant owners I spoke to said they were grateful to food trucks being there," he said. "It alleviated the pressure."

Bugg said the city should be careful not to over-regulate where the trucks can go, because it might relegate them to the pockets of unincorporated areas in the city where they would get no city regulation at all, and pay no food and beverage taxes to the city.

Alexandrou pointed out that while the trucks in unincorporated areas would not be regulated by the city, they still would need a health department sticker from whatever county they were in.

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Naperville council agrees to 1% tax, biz district for Route 59/Aurora Avenue shopping centers

By Suzanne Baker
Naperville Sun

Naperville will add a 1% sales tax to the shopping center businesses at the northeast corner of Route 59 and Aurora Avenue to fund redevelopment as long as the recently renovated stores on the north side are not included.

In a 6-3 vote, the Naperville City Council Tuesday agreed to create a business district encompassing the Westridge Court and Heritage Square shopping centers so the tax can be applied but on a smaller scale than requested by its owner, New York-based Brixmor Property Group.

The firm's plans for "Block 59" call for the removal of existing buildings, replacement of infrastructure and a redesigned layout that company representatives say will make it a regional upscale dining and entertainment destination featuring a community lawn for events.

To fund the estimated $13.4 million in infrastructure improvements, Brixmor asked the city add a 1% tax to retail and restaurant sales in the two shopping areas. Portillo's, Chili's and Arby's fronting Route 59 and Citibank and Taco Bell on Aurora Avenue would not be included.

But council members said the proposed business district was too large and directed Brixmor to come back with a scaled-back plan that excludes the recently renovated properties on the north.

Rich Dippolito, Brixmor vice president of redevelopment, said in an email that the company appreciates the opportunity to build a "community-centric project" in Naperville.

"We believe Block 59 is not just an economic boost for the city and its residents but a true gateway to Naperville and look forward to continuing to work with the city council to bring this project to fruition," Dippolito said.

Andrew Balzer, property director for Brixmor, said the two centers offer a combined 700,000 square feet of retail space, but occupancy rates have dropped from a high of 97% to 57% over the last eight years.

Balzer predicted that not only would Block 59 become a destination for people seeking dining and entertainment, it would become a western gateway for the city of Naperville.

Brixmor Property Group wants to reconfigure the northeast corner of Route 59 and Aurora Avenue to create Block 59, which the company describes as a gateway to Naperville and an upscale dining and entertainment destination. **BRIXMOR PROPERTY GROUP**

The two shopping centers were built in the 1980s by two separate development companies that did not take into account traffic and pedestrian flow between the two sites. That will improve with the reconfiguration, officials said.

Brixmor plans to invest $52.5 million into the redevelopment and another $68.6 million will come from restaurant and entertainment tenants.

Business districts are a tool municipalities can use to spur redevelopment of blighted properties, and several council members were concerned that wouldn't apply to the northern section of Westridge Court because of recent improvements.

Balzer said if all of Westridge Court and Heritage Court were included, it would take 10 years to pay off the $13.4 million they spend on infrastructure improvements. If divided, it will take longer, he said.

Councilwoman Nicki Anderson said she frequently shops at the businesses there. "It looks vibrant to me. … I can't in good conscience call that blighted," she said.

It makes more sense to limit the district to the corner and the southeastern section, Councilman Patrick Kelly said. It's impossible to say the northern end is blighted "when you just recently put $4 million into improving those properties," he said.

Mayor Steve Chirico said the council has approved business districts in the past to support schools, parks and the city's budget.

"This economy and this business climate right now, I would hate to see us lose this opportunity because this is really something that's going to make a difference," he said.

While the Ogden Mall transformation was a huge success for the council, Block 59 makes that project look small, Chirico said.

"This is a much larger business district, much larger, and by any standard, 57% vacancy is a troubled, tired business district," he said.

Concerns over whether a property is blighted should not be an issue because it's the state's job to decide, the mayor said.

"The state will determine if this is blighted. And if it's not found to be blighted, then this deal's off; we can't have a business district," he said. "It needs to pass their test, not our test. It's not our rules."

The added tax won't be shouldered by Naperville residents alone, Brixmor representatives noted.

Sixty-seven percent of the customers shopping at businesses in the two centers in 2021 and 2022 came from outside Naperville, Balzer said.

City officials also said that even with the additional 1% sales tax, the total tax on food and beverages within the business district would still be a half percent less than restaurants on the other side of Route 59 in Aurora. Retail tax would be a half percent higher.

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How to celebrate turning 100?

Tinley woman marks her birthday by collecting that many items for pet shelters

By Melinda Moore
Daily Southtown

Clara Robertson, who is days away from turning 100, wants lots of presents this year for her birthday. In fact, she wants 100 of them.

The gifts, however, aren't for her.

Instead, she wants people to bring her items for two animal shelters: PAWS in Tinley Park and the South Suburban Humane Society, which has sites in Matteson and Homewood.

"They need all the help they can get," Robertson said. "The more they get, the better I like it!"

Her own dog, Sasha, came from a shelter — the Calumet Area Humane Society in Munster. The two have been together for about 13 years, although Robertson moved in May to Porter Place in Tinley Park, an Anthem Memory Care community.

That means Sasha now lives with Robertson's grandson, Mark Jordan, and visits her from time to time.

"I've had her long enough that she's spoiled rotten," said Robertson, a former resident of Chicago Heights. "We used to go places in the car. She liked that.

"Otherwise, she was right by my side. I sat in the front room, and she'd be there. In the kitchen, she's there, underfoot.

"She doesn't like to be alone. Most of the time she wants somebody right there. That's my baby."

Robertson also credits Sasha for helping her reach this milestone birthday.

"I know she has helped me live to 100," she said. "I don't care what people say. They do help you."

Robertson gets emotional when she talks about her canine companion.

"There's no way to explain it. She's my life," she said. "I love that dog. She's family."

Given her passion for animals, Robertson doesn't understand people who don't want them.

"I don't think a home is a home without a dog laying by your side, under your feet … I think that makes a home," she said.

"Her face just lights up whenever she gets to see Sasha," said Jennifer Boonstra, life engagement director at Porter Place. "They are adorable."

Boonstra described Robertson as "the sweetest thing you'll ever meet."

"Very soft-spoken, she doesn't like the attention to be on her," Boonstra said. "She's just very modest and caring, and she's an absolute sweetheart. We love having her here."

But the 99-year-old's desire to stay out of the limelight posed a challenge for her family and Boonstra when it came to planning this birthday party.

"She said she didn't want to do anything — it's just 100, another day," Boonstra said.

Robertson said she'd rather help someone who needed it instead of getting presents herself, and the two came up with the idea of holding a donation drive for the animal shelters.

"What an awesome idea — 100 items to celebrate her 100th birthday," Boonstra said.

Through Jan. 21 people can bring donations to a box set up in the front lobby of Porter Place, 17833 Harlem Ave. in Tinley Park. The suggested list includes paper towels, heavy-duty garbage bags, dog pee pads, cat litter, bleach, stainless steel food/water bowls, dog/cat leashes, any brand of canned cat and kitten food, and Purina Chicken & Rice dry dog food.

Items can be brought from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. every day.

"If there are big items, our reception desk will be willing to take it from them," Boonstra said.

Boonstra said she was pleased with how the celebration is coming together. It's the first 100th birthday she's planned since she began working there three years ago.

Robertson's family will be coming Jan. 21, the day before her birthday.

The donated items will be counted, and a casino-themed party is planned because the 99-year-old likes to go to the casino to play the slot machines. A small cake, ice cream and "Happy birthday" singalong will take place the next day.

They are pretty hopeful about reaching the goal of 100 donated items, one for every year of Robertson's life.

"We've got a good-sized box out there and it's almost full," Boonstra said. "We've got a lot of dog toys and some food" as well as some dog bowls and other items.

"We have a really great relationship with PAWS," she said. "They bring their adoptable dogs here once a month to visit with residents, and we do service projects with them: homemade dog treats and dog toys and we have done fundraisers. And Clara is really close with the Humane Society as well."

When asked if she has any advice or tips for people who want to live to be 100, Robertson laughed and said, "Oh God, no. I never thought I'd be 100 — that's out of sight!"

She added that she is "very thankful" and considers herself "very lucky that I can keep going because that is old, let's face it."

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EDITORIALS

An egg is cooked on a gas stove in Berkeley, Calif., on March 13, 2018. Berkeley was the first city in the nation to ban gas hookups in most new homes and buildings, a policy adopted in 2019. **ALEX WELSH/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Are liberal elites coming for your gas stove?

For years, elite liberals worked up over the environment have assuaged their consciences by checking a box and writing a check.

Flying to Davos on that cozy private jet, Democratic senator or governor? Just buy some "offsets" and you can claim with a straight face that your flight is so-called carbon neutral, with no net negative impact on the warming of the planet. Easy-peasy for anyone wealthy, self-righteous and averse to removing liquids from their carry-on bags.

But a major, nine-month investigation published this week by The Guardian, the German weekly Die Zeit and the nonprofit investigative journalism outfit SourceMaterial — hardly a clutch of conservative rags — revealed that the practice has, to a large degree, always been bogus.

After investigating the ubiquitous, Washington, D.C.-based Verra carbon standard, the paper found that "more than 90% of rainforest offset credits — among the most commonly used by companies — are likely to be "phantom credits" and do not represent genuine carbon reductions. 90%!

The investigation (which its main target has vehemently disputed) found that very few of Verra's claimed rainforest deforestation reductions actually did anything of the kind; that the problem of rainforest deforestation had been widely overstated; and that some of the projects that were supposed to be helping the environment actually resulted in human rights violations on the ground.

In other words, the investigation claimed that carbon offsets may well have been making everything worse.

What does all of this have to do with a middle-class family in Chicago concerned that someone is going to tell them they can't heat their Edgebrook bungalow with natural gas anymore? Plenty.

Voluntarily buying carbon offsets (and it's a $2 billion business) has always been a ruse to let liberal elites not have to change their ways. In reality, doing better for the environment means maybe flying public not private, or maybe doing the complex and nuanced work of deciding what actually is necessary. We can't all just stay home because that leads to other problems, but maybe we don't need to be on a five-seater over the Atlantic.

By making environmentalism showy and purchasable, the rich have had no incentive to change their ways, even as they pass regulations impinging on the individual choices of ordinary folks who drive to Costco. And those folks understandably get mad at the hypocrisy.

That has led to a pernicious cycle of events, very much in evidence this week. And this is Chicago. Heat matters a heck of a lot here.

The gas stove panic, a child of social media, began with a single study published in the fall and linking stoves to childhood asthma. That gave environmentalists who believe electricity to be better for the environment the chance to argue anew for the end of natural gas in the home.

That in turn led conservatives to stoke the fear that Orwellian Biden bureaucrats were coming to rip out stoves and hand homeowners the bill; which led to liberals arguing the panic was overblown, even though the concerns were legitimate; which led to … the usual dysfunctional stalemate resulting in extreme positions and no positive change for the planet.

The algorithms of social media, which love nothing so much as entrenched, easy-to-understand positions (Harry vs. William, Biden classifieds vs. Trump classifieds, gas vs. electric) have amplified the whole thing.

Are they coming for your stove or your gas boiler? Sure, some people are pushing hard for that, even as they say otherwise. There are strong arguments that an electric heat pump is the better way to heat your home and that induction stovetops are the way to go. America has no shortage of people who insist on telling others what to do. Already, there are reports that Evanston may ban gas hookups for new homes and apartments.

But the issue is very complicated, contested, and ranges far beyond real questions about the effectiveness of electric heat pumps in subzero Midwestern temperatures. The issue involves both money (who pays for all of these conversions and regulatory requirements?) and that most precious of American attributes: the freedom to live your life as you wish and, at least from time to time, sear your cornfed steak over a roaring gas flame under a starlit sky.

You can imagine the ease with which a conservative columnist can seize on that metaphor, and so they have and will, but we should *all* understand its importance. Freedom of choice matters; just ask the Davos crew as they keep their laptops in their leather cases.

On the other hand, the climate crisis is real and wholesale change is necessary. There should be an honest debate about how we get around, how we power our cars, how we heat our homes and, yes, with what fuel we choose to cook. Plenty of potential converts have yet to try induction cooktops; they're cool.

None of that can happen if there are different rules for the liberal rich, which has been the most notable achievement so far of the carbon offset racket.

Ordinary folks have long known that elites will find a way to do what they want even as they stick it to the masses. And that's why they will wrap their arms around their gas stoves and won't let them go.

All of this needs to change.

ABOUT THE DEBT CEILING

Fast forward to this fall. Americans are thinking about Halloween costumes or how their kids are faring in the new school year, but one more pressing and widespread concern occupies the nation's minds: the collapsing global economy, which has been spinning out with no signs of slowing, leading to heavy job losses and disappearing savings and investments. …

The culprit isn't another virus or some natural disaster, and in fact the whole thing could have been avoided with a few lines of legislation guided through by a leader with backbone. Instead, the mess now lays at the feet of House Speaker Kevin McCarthy and the band of extremists he prostrated to in his quest for the gavel. Faced with the loss of his power, McCarthy has stopped the House from raising the debt ceiling and allowed the U.S. to default on its debts.

In fact, we don't have to wait months to begin feeling the impacts of this dangerous game. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has already informed Congress that the government will hit its debt ceiling this week, and while it won't actually run out of funds to pay its obligations until sometime around June, this lag can already send shock waves through the international economic system. …

The zany idea of minting a $1 trillion or similar platinum coin and depositing it into the Treasury's accounts — a legally bulletproof idea, according to several scholars — often gets dismissed offhand for being a little madcap. Yet sometimes the best fix to an inane problem is an inane solution, and it's a much better precedent than calling the nation's creditworthiness into question.

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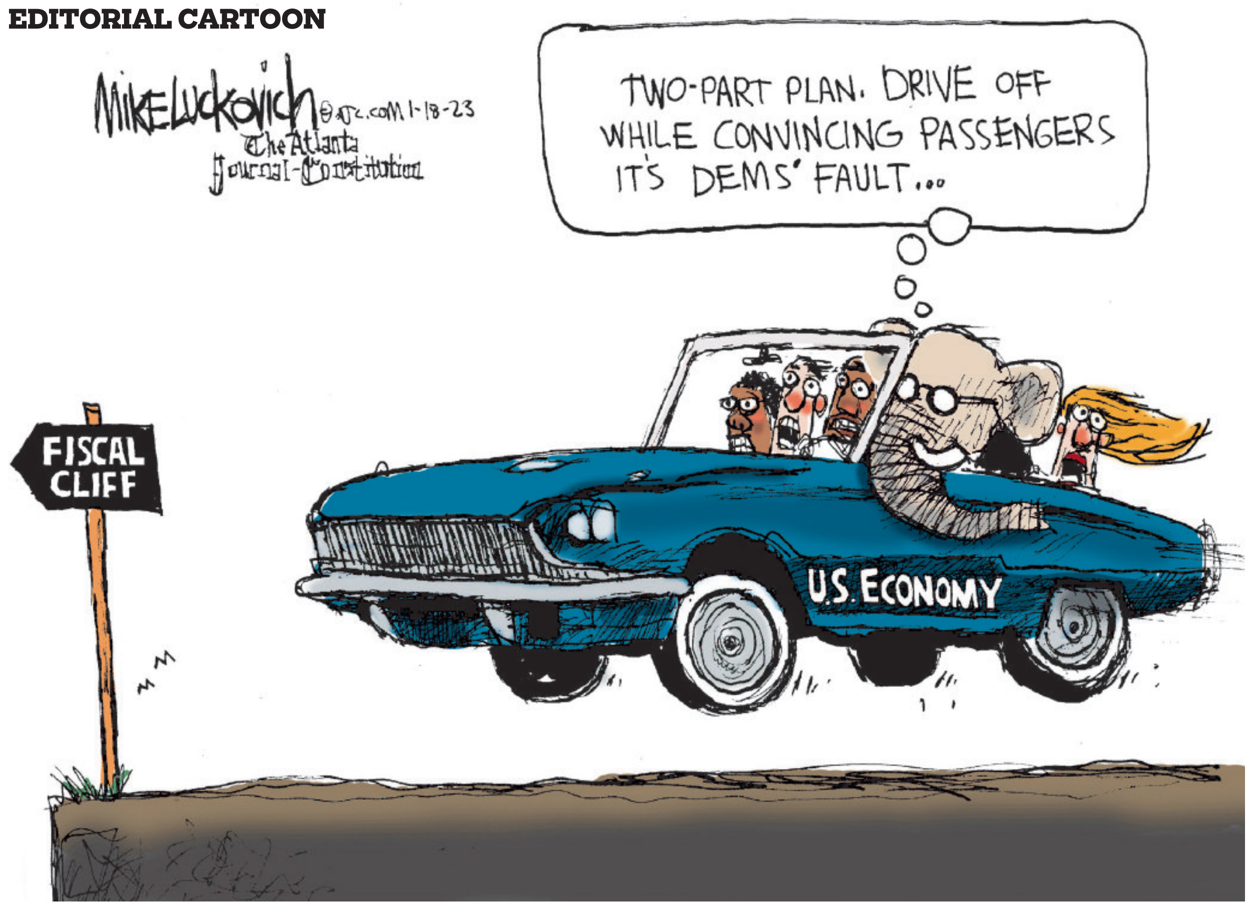

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OPINION

Gov. J.B. Pritzker attends a panel Tuesday at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. **MARKUS SCHREIBER/AP**

Pritzker's appearance at Davos could mark a turning point

By David Greising

I rise to acknowledge that Gov. J. B. Pritzker this year officially became a "Davos Person," traveling to a tiny Swiss village with hundreds of other global-leader types, after two years in which the annual power fest experienced a pandemic-enforced repose.

Of course, the Davos Person not long ago was known as the Davos Man. But the times, and the nouns, have changed, though the purpose of the confab remains pretty much the same: high-minded talk mixed with bottom-line pursuit of commercial, state and national agendas.

The Davos Person's reputation varies depending on the audience. The conveners of the World Economic Forum in Davos see their attendees as enlightened and powerful global citizens who come each year to discuss and sort the world's big problems. Climate change, the war in Ukraine, slowing economies and economic disparities — that sort of topic.

You name it; they'll discuss it. Some day, they may even do something about it.

The Davos Person is of interest to Illinoisans this year because Pritzker joined in. He accepted an invitation to speak on several panels, and he stepped right up, with evident delight.

Consider Pritzker's main stage turn on the topic of "America (Un) Bound" — a panel meant to instruct the world about America's policy aspirations and its fractious politics, circa 2023. It was typical Davos stuff: bromides and platitudes, mixed with healthy doses of partisan pugilism.

Pritzker played his part. He opened with chamber-of-commerce boosterism about Illinois' clean energy law and the assault weapons ban he signed last week, then quickly pivoted to a critique of the election denialism and QAnon tolerance that has beset some corners of the Republican Party.

Pritzker's trip prompted predictable puzzlement about what it might mean for the governor's national political ambitions. And the short answer is this: not much. Prestigious as a Davos invite can be, it has no currency on the stump or at the polls.

That hardly means Pritzker made a mistake in going. As a matter of fact, he should consider going again. And if he does, next time, the governor might consider bringing more than just a handful of key staffers, as happened this year.

Davos built its reputation as a place where unlikely partners could parley and get results. In the early 1980s, the leaders of Turkey and Greece worked out a deal that helped avert warfare between the countries. South Africa's Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk chose Davos in the early '90s as the site of their first appearance at a major global event as they worked together to dismantle apartheid.

As well known as those highlights may be — and as much attention as the global gabfest gets — its most valuable contribution to the world economy is the way it brings business and government leaders together in an informal atmosphere that's custom-built to get deals done.

That's the part of Davos that could make a return trip for Pritzker worth the time and effort.

The way to do Davos for an Illinois politician was pioneered, paradoxically, by Mayor Richard M. Daley. If ever there were a public figure who did not look the part of the Davos Person, Daley would be the one. Rumpled, not comfortable schmoozing, born of Bridgeport not Brussels, Berlin or Buenos Aires, Daley on paper should not have fit in.

But he did, with brio. I saw it with my own eyes, wandering the serpentine halls of the World Economic Forum's convention center. Daley attended year after year as mayor, recruited a posse of Chicago's corporate elite to attend with him, and had them fan out and work the high-end crowd, spreading the word about Chicago.

Pritzker has shown a talent for this sort of work. His trip to the United Nations' climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland, in 2021, offered a first chance to tell Illinois' clean-energy story on the global stage. He emphasized the electronic vehicle marketplace, on the strength of the state's ability to secure a $70 million investment from Lion Electric of Montreal.

That was a good start. But the trip to Glasgow and London also marked Pritzker's first international travel as governor — a reflection of the pandemic's effect on global travel, true, but also an indication that Pritzker has not seen himself, as other governors have, as the state's top salesperson, willing to travel the globe to drum up business for Illinois.

The Davos appearance could mark a turning point. Pritzker was scheduled to reprise his clean-energy pitch. He was scheduled to speak on a panel about infrastructure, too: a good fit for a governor who has a $45 billion infrastructure improvement plan underway.

With his appearance this year, Pritzker is now officially a Davos Person. Based on what has surfaced so far about the trip, as well as video available on the World Economic Forum website, he did represent. Not bad for a trial run.

If Pritzker returns to Davos in 2024, it shouldn't be just him and staff again. To make the trip worth repeating, he might consider organizing a posse of business leaders — and putting together a plan to get business done.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Safe haven to work

Contrary to the op-ed "Wildly inconsistent safe haven laws put infants, parents at risk" (Jan. 12), state safe haven laws with a variety of provisions continue to save newborns from injury and death resulting from illegal abandonment. In Illinois, since its enactment in 2001, our safe haven law, the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act, has helped parents of more than 100 infants.

The op-ed suggests that states' safe haven laws are lacking because they are not standardized, and it wrongly suggests their effectiveness has not been tracked. It misses the point of safe haven laws. As in other states, the Illinois law targets a small number of infants who may be in danger from parents who are under severe emotional distress and fear they must abandon their newborns, for whatever reason. It provides an immediate, safe solution to what those parents perceive as a crisis. Prior to the enactment of our safe haven law, such infants were often discarded in dumpsters and their parents subject to prosecution.

The Illinois safe haven law addresses the criticisms leveled by the writers: It provides for relinquished infants to be examined by hospital personnel and safe havens to post a uniform sign at their locations. The parent must hand the infant to a person at the facility. Staff members at these facilities are trained and attempt to offer the parent a packet that includes information on postpartum health; a list of local providers of grief, pregnancy and adoption counseling; and notice that parents have 60 days to petition the courts for a return of custody. Adoption features prominently in the act, which states that adoption is a preferred alternative.

Illinois' law requires a public information program that includes information about the act, as well as the alternative of adoption through a public or private agency. Contrary to "happening the shadows," the law requires collection and analysis of information to determine the effect of the act in the prevention of injury or death of newborn infants.

Uniformity across states is not a necessary component of a successful safe haven law. Someone with a crisis pregnancy is focused on getting timely local help. Instead of criticism, continuing and accurate coverage of Illinois' law, and additional funding to help spread the word, would be most helpful.

— Dawn Geras, executive chair, Save Abandoned Babies Foundation, Chicago

Archives a good steward

In response to Jim Ciemny's Jan. 17 letter ("The National Archives' role"), he is not correct. The records in question were not something to be returned because the National Archives never possessed them in the first place. That is the whole point.

All official presidential records belong to the administration and are then transferred to National Archives and Records Administration custody once the administration's term has ended. These were not. Furthermore, you don't "sign out" permanent retention records as if the NARA is a lending library.

Having had a 35-year career with the NARA, I can say that the agency is a serious steward of the nation's historical records. I am proud of the way my former colleagues have responded to this matter. I suggest a visit to archives.gov. It is worth the time spent.

— David Kuehl, Streamwood

Keeping tabs on records

While everyone's deciding which is more egregious — storing sensitive documents in your Florida home or stashing them in your Delaware garage or leased office space — no one seems to be interested in the basic question. Why isn't anyone keeping tabs on these documents and their safe return?

Maybe the federal government can take a cue from the local library. Send out an overdue notice when the classified item isn't returned in a timely way. Charge a daily fine after the due date. Revoke borrowing privileges if necessary. Problem solved.

— Jim Ziv, Chicago

Bicyclists' sense of privilege

I read the article by Jake Sheridan ("A new lane in Chicago politics?" Jan. 17) and others over these last few years regarding motorists causing issues for bicyclists. While driving in Chicago and the suburbs for many years, I find that 99% of bicyclists do not stop for stop signs and expect the motorist to know their intention. Additionally, while I have driven in the Gold Coast neighborhood, bicyclists weave around stopped vehicles at intersections where there are traffic signals. When there is a lull in the crossing traffic, they go through the red light; if they were to misjudge the traffic and get hit, it would be the motorist's fault.

There are rules of the road for bicyclists, which I guess none of them read. Motorists must take a written and driving test — but there is nothing for bicyclists. Also, we drivers pay for roads through registration and driver's license fees — they do not.

I feel that bicyclists should have to have a license plate they pay for if they want additional bicycle lanes.

Also, when a friend of mine was injured by a bicyclist, her insurance had to pay her medical bills. How fair is that?

— Nadine Sweeney, Park Ridge

This isn't the right time

As the saying goes, there's a place and a time for everything. I understand and support the need for safe and plentiful bike routes within the city. However, short of literally designating some streets as bicycle-only, there is no way to avoid accidents. even when a motorist and cyclist are doing their best.

Further, this is not the time for the city to be devoting substantial financial resources to bike routes. I read in the Tribune article that 10 people died in car-cyclist collisions last year. How many people died from violent crime and or were victims of violent crime?

Our financial resources at this time would be better directed to fighting crime and supporting programs to prevent crime.

— Clare Connor, Chicago

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OPINION

A nameplate for Dr. Anthony Fauci is placed before a House Committee on Energy and Commerce meeting June 23, 2020, in Washington on the Trump administration's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. **KEVIN DIETSCH/AP**

For all the good Dr. Fauci did, he should have retired sooner

By Cory Franklin

Dr. Anthony Fauci, who began his career at the National Institutes of Health during Lyndon Johnson's administration, has stepped down as director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and chief medical adviser to President Joe Biden. To put it in perspective, after more than five decades of distinguished and controversial government service, his legacy will be bittersweet — not quite the hero his supporters lionize or the villain his detractors portray.

Judged by his medical record alone, Fauci is in the top echelon of American physicians. He did groundbreaking work in immunology and helped develop lifesaving drugs for serious rheumatologic diseases. He discovered how to re-dose certain cancer drugs, turning a 98% mortality rate for one disease into a 93% remission rate. His honors include a Lasker Award, the highest award in biomedical science other than the Nobel Prize, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States, given to him by President George W. Bush in 2008.

But there is more to the story. F. Scott Fitzgerald famously observed, "There are no second acts in American life," but Fauci did have a second act when he switched specialties from immunology to infectious diseases just before HIV/AIDS began to sweep the world. By virtue of his government position, Fauci became the U.S. point person for the global HIV epidemic.

His early efforts were criticized by the gay community for the government's tentative initial response to the crisis and the sluggish pace of drug development for HIV. Fauci's harshest critic was prominent activist and gay rights advocate Larry Kramer, who castigated Fauci publicly and went so far as to call him a "murderer."

Fauci didn't retort, and eventually he and Kramer became friends, working together to revolutionize government drug trials and increase patients' access to experimental drugs. Ultimately, it was for his work in AIDS relief that Fauci received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

When COVID-19 hit in 2020, Fauci had been with the NIH for more than 50 years, and he became the government's chief medical spokesperson for the pandemic. He had to walk back some of his early pronouncements on de-emphasizing masks and predicting herd immunity.

He was an advocate of aggressive lockdown measures, which infuriated conservative politicians who anticipated the resulting damage to commerce and children's education. Elon Musk recently tweeted, "My pronouns are Prosecute/Fauci."

Much of this criticism is unfair and unwarranted. Many of Fauci's early statements arose from uncertainties in the first stages of the pandemic. However, none of this absolves Fauci from the most serious charges against him as pandemic spokesperson, which include suppressing dissent from the Great Barrington Declaration and a disturbing reticence to candidly discuss gain-of-function research.

Fauci and his superior, Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health, colluded to silence three prominent scientists — Harvard University's Martin Kulldorff, Oxford University's Sunetra Gupta and Stanford University's Jay Bhattacharya — who issued the Great Barrington Declaration, a proposal to end large-scale lockdowns in favor of focused protection of high-risk populations, such as the elderly.

In an email to Fauci, Collins wrote: "This proposal from the three fringe public health researchers ... seems to be getting a lot of attention — and even a co-signature from Nobel Prize winner Mike Leavitt at Stanford. There needs to be a quick and devastating published take down of its premises. ... Is it underway?" Fauci complied willingly, the Great Barrington Declaration was publicly trashed and its otherwise respected signatories became pariahs in academic circles.

Whether right or wrong, the Great Barrington Declaration would have stimulated public debate and greater scientific analysis of the pandemic, which was badly lacking.

Fauci has been quoted as "representing science," but it is anti-science to silence dissenting opinions and attack other scientists who are acting in good faith.

Likewise, gain-of-function research, in which viruses are manipulated to adopt new characteristics, may have played a role in the origin of COVID-19. Such research occurs in China, and Fauci is one of the few people in the world knowledgeable enough to explain its potential benefits and dangers. For whatever reason, with all the interviews Fauci does, he rarely, if ever, alludes to it and has never explained the subject in depth to the public.

In the final analysis, Fauci's biggest failing was not exiting the stage earlier. The federal response to COVID-19 that he led was sclerotic. A newer generation of doctors and scientists, who had difficulty advancing during Fauci's tenure, might have been more open and flexible.

For all the good things he has done, Fauci, like sports greats Willie Mays and Muhammad Ali, hung on too long.

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Could AI help decide Baseball Hall of Fame inductees?

By Sheldon Jacobson

On Tuesday the new members of the Baseball Hall of Fame will be announced, and the debate will ensue as to who does or does not belong, who has been unjustifiably snubbed and how banned substances should be factored into the decision.

Around 400 sports writers determine who will be enshrined among baseball's all-time greatest players in Cooperstown, New York, on July 23. The big question is: Should we allow these decisions to be left solely to sports writers and their subjective process?

Further, has getting voted into the Hall become as much about acceptable off-field behavior and judgment as exceptional on-field performance?

Clearly, on-field performance is necessary. However, based on the list of players with outstanding statistics who are not in line to get voted in anytime soon, this is no longer sufficient.

The use of performance-enhancing drugs clouded the statistics. Eclipsing 500 home runs is no longer a guarantee of getting into the Hall, with 28 players in this elite club. The same can be said with surpassing 3,000 hits, with just 33 players in this group.

But what about poor behavior and judgment that do not affect statistics?

There are few saints among us. Baseball players are human. Some of their off-field behavior may tarnish their reputations, their character and their image. The question is whether such behavior should be sufficient to overshadow what may have been an outstanding professional career.

This oft-discussed issue is most pertinent when it comes to Pete Rose, the all-time leader with 4,256 hits, a record that will likely never be broken. His gambling escapades clearly crossed many lines that led to his lifetime ban from baseball in 1989. Yet placing bets, even on baseball and the team he played for and managed, did not alter his statistics in the field. Would he have had fewer hits if he had not gambled?

Fans visit the plaque gallery at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, in 2015. **MIKE GROLL/AP**

He claimed that when he gambled on his own team, he always gambled for them to win, though there is some evidence that suggests otherwise.

Given the proliferation of sports gambling today, with the ability to gamble on every play during every game, Rose's gambling by today's standard would be considered rather pedestrian. It is hard to believe that all professional athletes are not gambling on sports, including their own sport. Whether they are doing it to the extent that Rose did is unclear.

If induction into the Hall requires exceptional on-field performance and immaculate off-field behavior and judgment, then the number of new inductees may slither down to a trickle.

These points are not meant to condone bad behavior and certainly not to reward it. They are designed to highlight that the criteria for induction into the Hall is far more nuanced than most would like to acknowledge.

Baseball statistics are the best indicator of on-field performance. They are objective, indisputable and unforgiving. A hit is a hit, a strikeout is a strikeout.

There is a certain amount of luck that occurs on any given at-bat or in any given game. However, over a full season, or more importantly a full career, such luck evens out. No one can be a career .320 hitter by chance, nor can a pitcher win 250 games with luck alone.

Behavior and judgment are far more subtle and subject to interpretation. Would Babe Ruth, known for his off-field antics and raucous carousing, be voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame today?

At the same time, when induction into an institution such as the Hall is determined by people — namely, baseball sports writers — and their perspectives, not solely on the statistics that support exceptional performance on the field, then a more specific set of criteria delineating all relevant factors is needed.

A group of baseball pundits could assemble a set of performance criteria that would define exactly what must be achieved by every type of player to gain entry in the Hall. Then every player's set of statistics could be weighed against such criteria. If off-field behavior and judgment are to be included, this could also affect a player's chances.

With baseball now a sport driven by data analytics, perhaps the shift from sports writers to artificial intelligence is the direction needed to make selections. This would take into account both on-field and off-field factors so that a decision could be made that captures the spirit of what a Hall of Fame-worthy career should be.

As a compromise, AI algorithms could produce a more refined set of candidates, with baseball writers giving the final approval. Would such an approach lead to different selections than what baseball writers would arrive at on their own? Would Barry Bonds or Roger Clemens get a more favorable opinion from an AI selection algorithm than baseball writers?

Every Major League Baseball player hopes that one day he will be inducted into the Hall. If analytics drive how the game is played today, perhaps analytics should also be used to determine if players are worthy of such a distinction.

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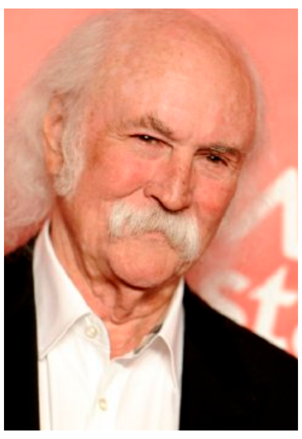
DAVID CROSBY 1941-2023

Focus of LA rock community later was co-founder of CSNY

By Robert Jablon
Associated Press


Singer David Crosby has died at the age of 81. **RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION 2015**

David Crosby, the brash rock musician who evolved from a baby-faced harmony singer with the Byrds to a mustachioed hippie superstar and an ongoing troubadour in Crosby, Stills, Nash & (sometimes) Young, has died at 81.

The New York Times reported, based on a text message from Crosby's sister in law, that the musician died Wednesday night. Several media outlets reported Crosby's death citing anonymous sources; The Associated Press was unable to reach Crosby's representatives and his widow.

Crosby underwent a liver transplant in 1994 after decades of drug use and survived diabetes, hepatitis C and heart surgery in his 70s.

While he only wrote a handful of widely known songs, Crosby was on the front lines of the cultural revolution of the '60s and '70s — whether triumphing with Stephen Stills, Graham Nash and Neil Young on stage at Woodstock or mourning the assassination of Robert Kennedy in "Long Time Gone."

He was a founder and focus of the Los Angeles rock music community from which such performers as the Eagles and Jackson Browne later emerged. He was a twinkly-eyed hippie patriarch, the inspiration for Dennis Hopper's long-haired stoner in "Easy Rider."

Crosby advocated for peace, but was an unrepentant loudmouth who acknowledged that many of the musicians he worked with no longer spoke to him.

Crosby kicked addiction in 1985 and 1986 during a year's prison stretch in Texas on drug and weapons charges. The conviction eventually was overturned.

"I've always said that I picked up the guitar as a shortcut to sex and after my first joint I was sure that if everyone smoked dope there'd be an end to war," Crosby said in his 1988 autobiography, "Long Time Gone," co-written with Carl Gottlieb. "I was right about the sex. I was wrong when it came to drugs."

He lived years longer than even he expected and in his 70s enjoyed a creative renaissance, issuing several solo albums while collaborating with others including his son James Raymond.

"Most guys my age would have done a covers record or duets on old material," he told Rolling Stone in 2013, shortly before "Croz" was released. "This won't be a huge hit. It'll probably sell nineteen copies. I don't think kids are gonna dig it, but I'm not making it for them. I'm making it for me. I have this stuff that I need to get off my chest."

In 2019, Crosby was featured in the documentary "David Crosby: Remember My Name," produced by Cameron Crowe.

While his solo career thrived, his seemingly lifetime bond with Nash dissolved. Crosby was angered by Nash's 2013 memoir "Wild Tales" and relations between the two spilled into an ugly public feud, with Nash and Crosby agreeing that Crosby, Stills and Nash was finished.

Crosby became a star in the mid-1960s with the seminal folk-rock group the Byrds, known for such hits as "Turn! Turn! Turn!" and "Mr. Tambourine Man." He contributed harmonies that were a key part of the band's innovative blend of the Beatles and Bob Dylan.

Troubled relations with bandmates pushed Crosby out of the Byrds and into a new group. Crosby, Stills and Nash's first meeting is part of rock folklore: Stills and Crosby were at Joni Mitchell's house in 1968 (Stills would contend they were at Mama Cass'), working on the ballad "You Don't Have to Cry," when Nash suggested they start over again. Nash's high harmony added a magical layer to Stills' rough bottom and Crosby's mellow middle and a supergroup was born.

Their eponymous debut album was an instant success that redefined commercial music. The songs were longer and more personal, yet easily relatable for an audience also embracing a more open lifestyle.

Their spirited harmonies and themes of peace and love became emblematic of the late 1960s and early 1970s. Their version of the Mitchell song "Woodstock" was the theme for the documentary about the 1969 rock concert during which the group made only its second live appearance together. Crosby had produced Mitchell's first album, "Song to a Seagull," in 1968, and for a time was her boyfriend.

Now wearing the mustache that would define him, Crosby provided harmony and rhythm guitar, and his songs reflected his own volatile personality. They ranged from the misty-eyed romanticism of "Guinevere," to the spirituality of "Deja Vu," to the operatic paranoia of "Almost Cut My Hair." Some critics panned the group as soft-headed and self-indulgent.

"If you're into living-room rock, fireplace harmonies and just a taste of good old social consciousness, this is your group," reported Rolling Stone, which nonetheless rarely missed a chance to write about the band.

But CSN, as they would soon be called, won a best new artist Grammy and remained a worldwide touring act and brand name decades later.

The first album was an easy, happy recording, but the mood darkened during the second album, "Deja Vu." The band was joined by Neil Young, who had feuded with Stills while both were in Buffalo Springfield and continued to do so.

In recent years, Crosby toured often, and candidly answered questions on Twitter with a blend of affection and exasperation, whether commenting on rock star peers or assessing the quality of a fan's marijuana joint. He loved sailing and his greatest regret, besides hard drugs, was selling his 74-foot boat because of money problems. Among the songs completed on the boat was the classic "Wooden Ships," co-written with Stills and Jefferson Airplane's Paul Kantner.

Crosby was born David Van Cortlandt Crosby on Aug. 14, 1941, in Los Angeles.

He married longtime girlfriend Jan Dance in 1987. The couple had a son, Django, in 1995.

Crosby also had a daughter, Donovan, with Debbie Donovan.

In 2000, Melissa Etheridge revealed that Crosby was the father of the two children she shared with then-partner Julie Cypher. Cypher carried the children Crosby fathered by artificial insemination, Etheridge told Rolling Stone.

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ON JAN. 20 ...

In 1649, King Charles I of England went on trial, accused of high treason. (He was found guilty and executed by month's end.)

In 1801 John Marshall was appointed chief justice of the United States.

In 1841 the island of Hong Kong was ceded to Great Britain. (It returned to Chinese control in July 1997.)

In 1887 the U.S. Senate approved an agreement to lease Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as a naval base.

In 1942 Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Jews.

In 1954 "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial," a play by Herman Wouk based on part of his novel "The Caine Mutiny," opened on Broadway.

In 1968, in what was billed as "The Game of the Century," No. 2 ranked Houston defeated top-ranked UCLA 71-69 at the Houston Astrodome in the first prime-time national telecast of a college basketball game.

In 1981 Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

In 1986 Britain and France announced plans to build the Channel Tunnel.

In 1987 Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite disappeared in Beirut while attempting to negotiate the release of Western hostages.

In 1995 the Japanese government, criticized for being slow to respond to Kobe's devastating earthquake, admitted its initial reaction might have been "confused."

In 1996 hundreds of thousands of Palestinians turned out to vote in a festive first election, solidly endorsing Yasser Arafat and his peace policies. The space shuttle Endeavour landed after a nine-day mission that included snaring a Japanese satellite.

In 2000 Census 2000 officially got under way as Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt knocked on the door of a small wood-frame house in Unalakleet, Alaska, to begin the nationwide head count.

In 2001 George W. Bush became America's 43rd president after one of the most turbulent elections in U.S. history.

In 2006 Michael Fortier, the government's star witness in the Oklahoma City bombing trials, was released from federal prison after serving more than 10 years for failing to warn authorities about the plot.

In 2009 Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44th President of the United States, becoming the first African-American to be elected commander-in-chief.

In 2018 six Taliban militants attacked Kabul's Intercontinental Hotel, killing at least 22 people before they were killed the next day after a 13-hour siege.

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Cagney, Edward C.

Edward C. Cagney, age 80 of Palos Heights. US Army Veteran and retired CPD. Beloved husband of the late Barbara nee Seske. Loving father of Mary Catherine (Michael Jacobs) Cagney, Deanna Rummelhoff, Kristine (Kent) Pemberton and Margie (Steve) Lucas. Dear step-father of Charles Locascio and Marc (Jessica) Locascio. Proud grandfather of 18 and papa of 1. Dear brother of Mary Ellen (the late Louis) Vitek, Rettsey (Gregory) Hull and Annie Cooney. Fond uncle and friend of many. In lieu of flowers a random act of kindness to your fellow man would be appreciated. Visitation Friday, January 20th from 3PM to 8PM at **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester. Family and friends to gather Saturday, January 21st DIRECTLY at St. Domitilla Church at 4940 Washington St., Hillside for 10AM visitation until time of Funeral Mass 11AM. (708) 562-5900

Duggan, John M.

John M. Duggan, age 67 of Joliet, passed away January 14, 2023 surrounded by his loving family. Beloved brother of the late Patricia (Larry) Kinsella, Dorothy (late Nick) Garofalo, Dianne (late Jack) Altman, and Jim (Barbara) Duggan; Cherished son of the late James and Helen (nee McGuire) Duggan; Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Family & Friends will meet directly at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 96th & Lawndale Ave., Evergreen Park for a visitation Saturday, January 21, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass at 11:30 a.m.; Interment Private. Arrangements entrusted to Curley Funeral Home. For Funeral Info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Golden, Irene M

Irene Marie Golden, 74 of Riverside at rest January 18, 2023, cherished daughter of the late Kathryn nee Malone and the late John Golden; loving sister of Margaret (Larry) Dombrowski, Colleen (John) Weseloh and the late Michael (Mary Jane) Golden; dearest aunt of Heidi Jones, Dana Craddock, Ed Weseloh, Matthew Golden, James, Lori, Kevin and Amelia Dombrowski, Janel Hodge and Rene Dombrowski. Irene was an accountant at Loyola University Medical Center. The family is so grateful for the excellent care at Rainbow Hospice Ark. Visitation Sun. Jan. 22, from 4 to 8:00 p.m. and Mon. Jan. 23, 9:00 a.m. till time of services at 9:45 a.m. at **Ivins/Moravecek** Funeral Home 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside to St. Mary Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Calvary Cemetery. Funeral info at 708-447-2261 or www.moravecek.com.

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Haywood, Mary Lynn

Mary Haywood passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on January 14th. Mary kept her witty personality until the end and will be remembered by those who knew her as an extraordinarily kind and caring person. She was born in Chicago to Marie and Anthony Cook. Mary attended St. Michael's High School in Chicago, Illinois. Following high school, she married the love of her life, Jerry, started a family, and supported him over his long and successful career in business. In the early 1970s, she and Jerry moved their three daughters to Atlanta and eventually settled in Dunwoody, GA.

Due to their love of warm weather, Mary and Jerry ultimately moved to the Hammock Dunes community in Palm Coast, Florida. During her final years, she enjoyed playing golf, socializing with friends, and hosting her family, which meant everything to her. In addition, she was an avid reader, enjoyed bird-watching, and loved animals.

Mary was pre-deceased by her parents, Marie and Anthony, her husband, Gerald (Jerry) Haywood, and her granddaughter Jacqueline Kulzer. She is survived by her daughters, Cathleen Kulzer, Patricia Lamb, and Pamela Norton; grandchildren Matthew Bailey and wife Maggie, Alexandra Hersko and husband Josh, and Michael Hovanetz; great-grandchildren Carter and Madison Bailey; siblings Paula Cook Dale, Rita Cook, Philip Cook, and Tony Cook; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a mass at the Cathedral of Christ the King, 2699 Peachtree Rd. NE Atlanta at 10:00 AM on Monday, January 23rd.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that gifts be made to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or the Mayo Clinic to support Alzheimer's Disease Research.

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Holub, Gerald

Gerald "Jerry" Holub, 74, of Park Ridge, Illinois, passed away on January 17, 2023. Jerry was born in Chicago to Ladd and Addie Holub and the family moved to Des Plaines, Illinois in the 1950's. After Jerry graduated from Maine West High School in 1965, he enlisted in the Navy and served as a Corpsman with the Marines Corps in Vietnam. Jerry went on to earn two Purple Hearts for his service. After over 30 years as a Community Service Supervisor, Jerry retired from the Park Ridge Police Department and spent his time pursing his passion for collecting antique advertising. Jerry was predeceased by his parents, sister Judith Sleep and brother Garry Holub. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Kim Mercer Holub, and his daughter Trisha (John) Christian. Services are private. Memorial contributions are suggested to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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Jaycox, Joseph "Joe"

Jaycox, Joseph (Joe) Age 86 Loving husband to Sheila (nee Donohue). Loving Dad to Jenny (Ron) Perez. Preceded in death by his brothers and sisters Mary Catherine, Dick, Anna May, Tom, and Bill. Fond brother-in law to Kevin, Dennis, Jane, Brian, Tim and Eileen. Uncle, Great Uncle, and Great Great Uncle to many. Served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corp and also as a Peace Corp Volunteer. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. until time of service at 6:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge. Interment private. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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O'Malley, Dr. John Martin

Dr. John Martin O'Malley, 75, passed away peacefully on January 14, 2023.

John was born on October 1, 1947 in Chicago, IL, to Anna and Patrick O'Malley. He was the youngest of seven children. John attended St. Vincent de Paul High School and went on to academic pursuits at Loyola University where he earned a Bachelor's degree and two Master's degrees. He later received a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Washington State University. He spent the majority of his career serving in administrative roles within colleges and universities, notably at Washington State University, University of Miami, Houston Community College, and Lone Star College. John had a profound desire to help children and served for many years in a volunteer capacity as a guardian ad litem, advocating for those with no other advocates.

John lived in many places including Chicago, IL; Pullman, WA; Miami, FL; Houston, TX; and most recently Loveland, OH. He was known to all as a wonderfully devoted father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He never met a stranger, and was never short of stories to tell. His sense of humor was unparalleled, as was his deep faith. John was a devout Roman Catholic and served as a true and faithful servant from life until death, every day exemplifying a sincere and heartfelt love for Christ. He was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Anna, his father, Patrick, his sister, Mary, his brother Patrick, and his brother Edward. He is survived by his siblings, Nancy Caldieraro, Peggy Caldieraro, and Beatrice O'Shaughnessy, as well as by his five children, Anna (Tod) Geidl, Patrick (Colleen) O'Malley, Sean (Maria) O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, and Kathleen O'Malley. The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 21, from 12:00 - 12:30 at St. Emily Catholic Church, 1400 E. Central Rd, Mt. Prospect, IL, followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 12:30. Burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery & Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's name to his favorite child sponsorship charity Unbound at www.unbound.org. For Further information please contact www.cooneyfuneralhome.com or 1-847-685-1002

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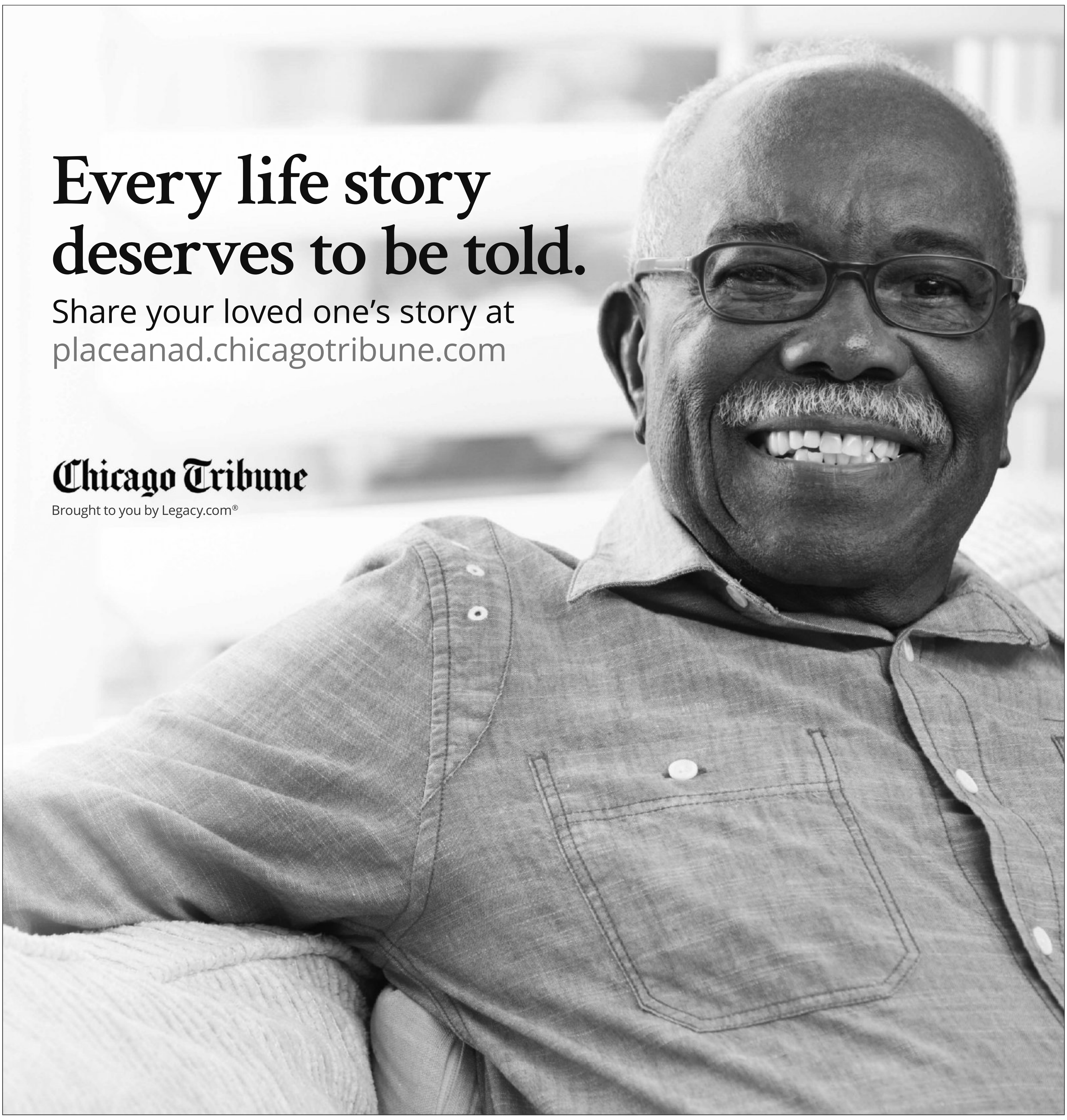

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ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook C**ounty** Fi**le No. Y23010009** on the D**ate: January 4, 2023**
Under the Assumed Name of: **Aguilar Audio**
with the business located at:
2941 N Avers Ave
Chicago, IL, 60618
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Steven Aguilar**
2941 N Avers Ave
Chicago, IL, 60618
7356179 1/6, 1/13, 1/20/2023

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook C**ounty** Fi**le No. Y23010027** on the D**ate: 01/09/2023**
Under the Assumed Name of: **Kitchen Innovation**
with the business located at:
332 S Michigan Avenue Suite 121
Chicago, IL, 60604
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Michelle Lester**
10656 S Green Street
Chicago, IL, 60643
1/13, 1/20, 1/27/2023 7360400

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
January 20, 2023
CITY OF CHICAGO
DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

The Bidder must complete and submit an Electronic Bid prior to the bid due date. An electronic bid must be submitted through the City of Chicago's website at www.cityofchicago.org/eprocurement, on or before the due date and time stated below. The City's system will not accept electronic bids after the due date and time. Bidders must register for a log-in account to submit an electronic bid. Please allow up to three business days for creation of your log-in account. Paper bids will not be accepted. All Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

DESCRIPTION: **Canal Street Viaduct Rehabilitation: Jackson Boulevard to Harrison Street**

ELECTRONIC BID DOCUMENTS CAN BE DOWNLOADED AND RESPONDED TO FROM THIS URL ADDRESS: www.cityofchicago.org/eprocurement

SPECIFICATION NO: **1251436**
RFQ NO: **9263**
BID OPENING DATE: **April 4, 2023**
TIME: **11:00 a.m.** Central Time
BID DEPOSIT: **5% of the Total Base Bid**
ESTIMATE BETWEEN: **$10,000,001.00 and $50,000,000.00**
PRE-BID CONFERENCE: **January 26, 2023**, at **10:00 a.m., via Conference Call**
CONFERENCE CALL PHONE NUMBER: **267-807-9605, CODE 650-260**
CONFERENCE CALL SIGN IN: **Email Lynnette Terrell with list of attendees that will be on this conference call, Lynnette.terrell@cityofchicago.org**
Subject: Canal Street Viaduct Rehabilitation: Jackson Boulevard to Harrison St. Conference Call

CONTACT: Lynnette Terrell,
Procurement Specialist
Email: lynnette.terrell@cityofchicago.org

Bid Bond:
Bids requiring a bid deposit must be accompanied by a Bid Bond, provided by a surety company authorized to do business in the United States, and made payable to the City of Chicago. A scanned copy of the bid bond must be attached to the online bid submission, with the original bond to be received by DPS within 3 business days of the bid opening. This is required of all bidders, not just the apparent low bidder.
Any late Bids received after announced date and time, for the opening of Bids, will not be accepted.
Pub: 1/20/2023 7364206

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Lyons School District 103 will receive a prime contract bid for Project #231006–District-Wide LED Lighting Upgrades until 2:00 pm, local time, on February 8, 2023 at the Administration Office, 4100 Joliet Road, Lyons, IL 60534.
Bid Package documents, drawings, and specifications shall be available on or after January 23, 2023. Bidders may visit the following websites to obtain the bid documents.
www.cordoganclarkplanroom.com or www.buildingconnected.com
All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of Bid Bond in the amount of 10% of the Base Bid (plus additive alternates) made payable to the Owner.
A pre-bid meeting will be on February 1, 2023 at 3:30 pm at the Lyons School District 103 located at 4100 Joliet Road, Lyons, IL 60534. Bidders are highly encouraged to attend the meeting.
The Contractor shall pay, if applicable, not less than the prevailing rate of wages as established, to all laborers, workmen and mechanics in the performance of Work under this Contract in accordance with "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other employed under contracts of Public Works." 820 ILCS 130/1 et seq.
The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in bidding, and to accept the bid that is the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, which is in the best interests of the district.
This Notice is written in the name of the Owner by Cordogan, Clark & Associates.
January 20, 2023 - 7364462

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Alexander Triplett

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Precious Bradley (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **2022JA00616**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown Father**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 25, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Payne** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **March 14, 2023**,at **2:00 P.M.** in CALENDAR **12** COURTROOM **L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental **rights**.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 20, 2023 7363356

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Charisma Stone

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **N/A**

JUVENILE NO.: **22JA00433**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown Father**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 10, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrios Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **February 22, 2023**,at **2:30 P.M.** in CALENDAR **7** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 20, 2023 7363358

NOTICE

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

CONTRACT 19-155-3MR

BOILERS 3, 4, 5 AND MCC REPLACEMENT, STICKNEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT (REBID)

Notice is hereby given that the bid opening for the above-cited contract has been changed from Tuesday, January 24, 2023, to Tuesday, February 7, 2023. Further information is included in Addendum 1 dated January 18, 2023, which has been posted to www.mwrd.org.

Darlene A. LoCascio
Director
Procurement and Materials Management
Chicago, Illinois
Pub: 1/20/2023 7364755

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Evelyn Caal

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Marta Caal (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **2023JA00002**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Marta Caal (Mother), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 3, 2023**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **January 31, 2023**,at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR **4** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 20, 2023 7363355

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF COOK DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

Bids will be received by the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) on the date and time (Central Standard Time) stated for the specific Request for Proposal (RFP) listed below at 175 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 350, Chicago, Illinois, 60604:

Project Name: Low-Voltage Services – Authority Wide

Specification Number: 2023-100-003

Questions Deadline: January 27, 2023
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Proposal Due Date: February 17, 2023
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Contact Person: Deborah O'Donnell
Telephone Number: (312) 542-4725
E-mail Address: dodonnell@thehacc.org

The Solicitation Package, specifications and architectural drawings may be downloaded by registering on our website which lists a complete list of all current bid opportunities with the HACC:

https://ha.internationaleprocurement.com/requests.html?company_id=25898&nocache=8586242

Proposals that are not properly submitted will be considered non-responsive and be disqualified from consideration. Proposals submitted late will not be accepted. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the best interest of the Housing Authority of Cook County.

Richard Monocchio,
Executive Director
1/20 & 1/24/23 7364759

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Associate Civil Engineer
(Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: January 6, 2023 through January 20, 2023. **Examination Date:** February 11, 2023. **Location:** To be announced. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Associate Civil Engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, performs ordinary civil engineering work in connection with design, construction, inspection and scheduling review, operation and maintenance of water reclamation plants and sewers, surveys, specifications and estimates, inspection of materials and workmanship, project and cost control and complex engineering computations; may supervise subordinate engineers and sub-professional personnel.
Salary: $88,148.32 per year

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Additional information may be found at www.districtjobs.org or call 312-751-5100.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jialea Jenkins

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Darnecia Jenkins (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **2022JA00909**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown Father**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 13, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Payne** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **March 15, 2023**,at **3:30 PM** in CALENDAR **12** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 20, 2023 7363357

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kaylani Sampson AKA Kayloni Sampson AKA Kay'Loni Sampson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Kandid Sampson (Mother) AKA Kandice Sampson**

JUVENILE NO.: **22JA00889**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Allen Gardner(Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 5, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Smith** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **March 30, 2023**,at **3:00 PM** in CALENDAR **14** COURTROOM **N**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 20, 2023 7362639

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FOR MEDICAL WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL
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See: www.cps.edu/purchasing
January 20, 2023 - 7364652

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the City of Chicago (the "City"), through its Department of Planning and Development (the "Department"), for the sale of City-owned vacant lots for neighborhood side yards, commercial open spaces, affordable and market rate housing, and commercial developments. The sale of property is intended to encourage the purchase and redevelopment of City-owned vacant land in line with community development priorities.

The properties available for sale are identified on the ChiBlockBuilder.com web site. More than 2,100 City-owned lots are available for sale, and are searchable through the on-line interactive map. Each property available for sale includes a purchase price.

Interested buyers must submit applications to purchase of City lots on-line at the ChiBlockBuilder.com web site. The applications period closes on February 3, 2023. Application eligibility requirements are identified on the ChiBlockBuilder.com web site.

For more information, go to Chicago.gov/blockbuilder. Questions can be directed to info@chiblockbuilder.com or call 312-935-1030.

Maurice D. Cox
Commissioner

Lori E. Lightfoot
Mayor

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Sheet Metal Worker (Original)

Application Filing Period: January 20, 2023 through February 3, 2023. **Examination Date:** March 4, 2023. **Location:** Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Sheet Metal Worker practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, performs skilled work in connection with the fabrication, erection, assembly, alteration and repair of articles constructed of sheet metal, including sheet metal pipes, flues, ducts, gutters, bins and other items constructed of sheet metal. **Salary:** $49.10 per hour

Applications can be submitted online only at www.districtjobs.org.

Additional information may be found at www.districtjobs.org or call 312-751-5100.

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Pub: 1/20 thru 2/3/2023 7364070

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES:
Notice to Disadvantaged Businesses: Benchmark Construction Co., 2260 Southwind Blvd., Bartlett, IL 60103, 630-497-1700, is seeking disadvantaged businesses for the City of Evanston – 2023 CIPP Sewer Rehabilitation Contract A project / Bid #23-05 for subcontracting opportunities in the following areas: CIPP, Sewer Cleaning, Traffic Control. All disadvantaged businesses should contact, in writing, (certified letter, return receipt requested) Mark Atkins, to discuss the subcontracting opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to bid opening on 2/7/2023. Proposals will be evaluated based on, respectively, cost, compliance with the project plans & specs., and previous experience & performance.
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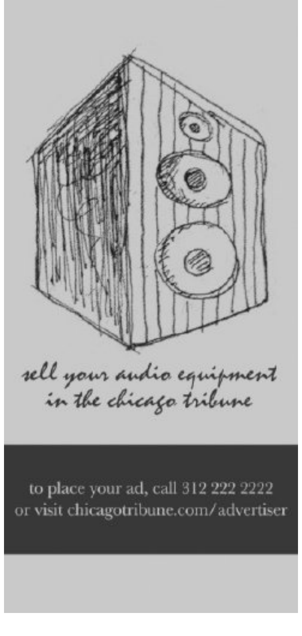

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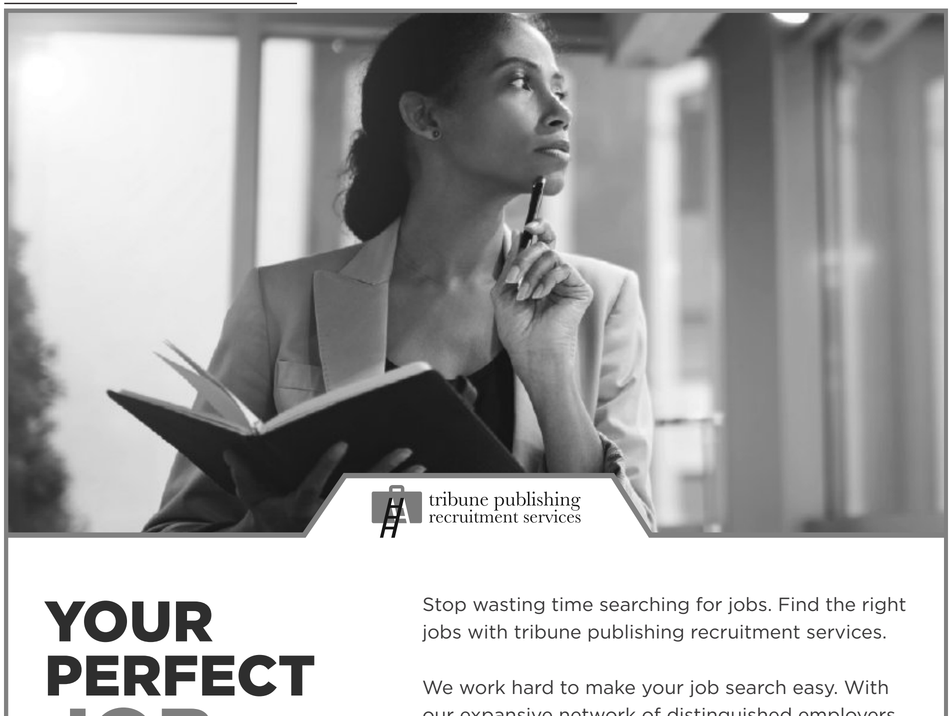

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Meteorologists Phil Schwarz, Cheryl Scott, Tracy Butler, Larry Mowry and Greg Dutra

ABC7 Outlook: Cloudy, cold and blustery. High temperatures in the mid- to low 30s.

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	High: 34 Low: 25	High: 35 Low: 30	High: 34 Low: 27	High: 37 Low: 30	High: 38 Low: 28	High: 35 Low: 24
	Low clouds may break; colder	Low clouds, then perhaps some sun	A little snow at times	Mostly cloudy	Low clouds; breezy in the afternoon	Periods of snow
	POP: 5%	POP: 5%	POP: 90%	POP: 5%	POP: 25%	POP: 65%
	Winds: WNW 10-20 mph	Winds: SW 6-12 mph	Winds: N 6-12 mph	Winds: SW 7-14 mph	Winds: NNE 8-16 mph	Winds: NNE 8-16 mph

CHICAGO FORECAST

Friday Conditions

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
RealFeel Temperature®	17	19	20	22	21	21	21

Friday Activities

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Outdoor Activities Index	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fishing Index	0	2	3	0	0	0	0

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. **0-2** Low, **3-5** Moderate, **6-7** High, **8-10** Very High, **11+** Extreme. The patented **AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature** is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. **Outdoor Activities and Fishing Indexes**: **0-2**: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

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Thursday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	42
Low	37
Normal high	31
Normal low	18
Record high	57 (1933)
Record low	-23 (1985)

Local Temperatures

through 6 p.m. Thursday			Normal	
Location	**Hi**	**Lo**	**Hi**	**Lo**
Aurora	41	37	30	14
Gary	43	37	33	19
Kankakee	43	37	32	16
Lansing	42	37	32	17
Midway	42	37	32	19
Romeoville	41	37	31	15
Valparaiso	43	36	34	18
Waukegan	41	37	30	15

Thursday Precipitation

	2023	2022	Normal
Thursday*	0.36"	0.00"	0.06"
Month to date	1.86"	0.36"	1.28"
Year to date	1.86"	0.36"	1.28"
Snowfall			
Thursday*	Trace	0.0"	0.4"
Month to date	0.4"	4.7"	6.5"
Season to date	4.7"	6.6"	16.1"

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Thursday

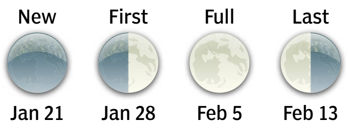
Air Quality Index

Thursday's reading	Good
Friday's forecast	Good
Primary pollutant	Particulates

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

	Fri.	Sat.
Sunrise	7:13 a.m.	7:13 a.m.
Sunset	4:50 p.m.	4:51 p.m.
Moonrise	6:33 a.m.	7:31 a.m.
Moonset	3:15 p.m.	4:35 p.m.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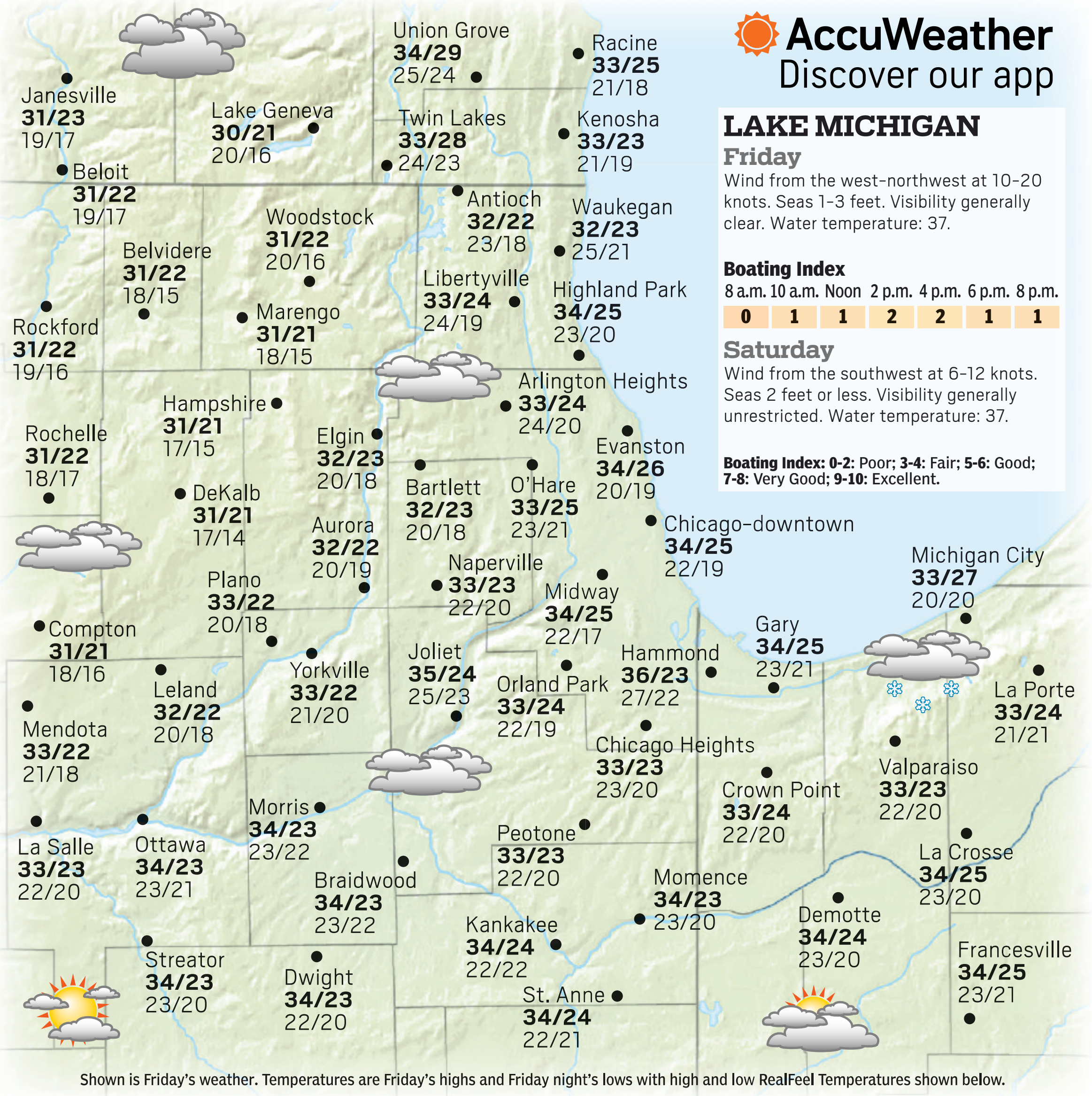
First
Full
Last
Jan 21
Jan 28
Feb 5
Feb 13

Friday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:43 a.m.	3:12 p.m.
Venus	8:26 a.m.	6:36 p.m.
Mars	12:38 p.m.	3:59 a.m.
Jupiter	10:02 a.m.	10:12 p.m.
Saturn	8:30 a.m.	6:50 p.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 6:05 p.m. Mars: 6:05 p.m. Jupiter: 6:05 p.m. Saturn: 6:05 p.m. Mercury: 6:45 a.m.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19/17
Lake Geneva
30/21
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Union Grove
34/29
25/24
Racine
33/25
21/18
Twin Lakes
33/28
24/23
Kenosha
33/23
21/19
Beloit
31/22
19/17
Antioch
32/22
23/18
Waukegan
32/23
25/21
Woodstock
31/22
20/16
Belvidere
31/22
18/15
Libertyville
33/24
24/19
Highland Park
34/25
23/20
Rockford
31/22
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Marengo
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Arlington Heights
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Rochelle
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Evanston
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DeKalb
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Bartlett
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O'Hare
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Chicago-downtown
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Naperville
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Plano
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Midway
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Michigan City
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Compton
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Leland
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Yorkville
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Joliet
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Gary
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St. Anne
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Francesville
34/25
23/21

Shown is Friday's weather. Temperatures are Friday's highs and Friday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

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LAKE MICHIGAN

Friday

Wind from the west-northwest at 10-20 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility generally clear. Water temperature: 37.

Boating Index

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
0	1	1	2	2	1	1

Saturday

Wind from the southwest at 6-12 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility generally unrestricted. Water temperature: 37.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; **3-4:** Fair; **5-6:** Good; **7-8:** Very Good; **9-10:** Excellent.

ASK abc7

Larry Mowry

QUESTION: At what place and when is the water level measured? It's always moving?

Lou - Chicago

ANSWER: The master location for monitoring Lake Michigan water level is in Harbor Beach, Michigan, on the shores of Lake Huron. Lake Michigan and Lake Huron are considered to be one body of water connected by the Straits of Mackinac. The station records a three-minute average water level every six minutes. This is used for the current lake level. Data from other recording sites below are also used in measuring long-term averages for Lake Michigan-Huron. Those sites are Ludington, Mackinaw City, Harbor Beach, MI; Milwaukee, WI; Thessalon, Tobermory, ON.

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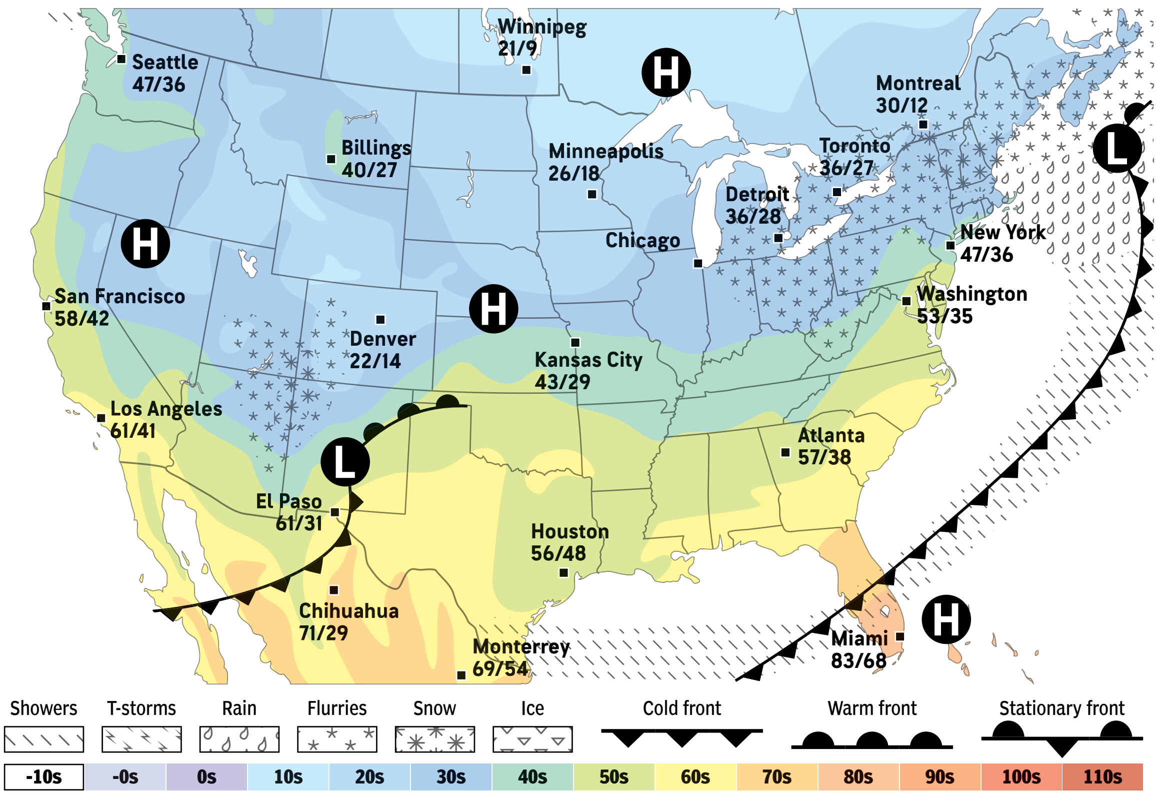
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.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New York
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Houston
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Chihuahua
71/29
Miami
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Monterrey
69/54
Showers
T-storms
Rain
Flurries
Snow
Ice
Cold front
Warm front
Stationary front
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-0s
0s
10s
20s
30s
40s
50s
60s
70s
80s
90s
100s
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REGIONAL CITIES

	Fri.	Sat.
City	**Hi/Lo/W**	**Hi/Lo/W**
Illinois		
Carbondale	41/26/s	45/33/pc
Champaign	35/23/s	36/29/c
Decatur	36/23/s	37/30/c
Moline	33/23/c	32/25/c
Peoria	34/24/pc	35/28/c
Quincy	36/22/s	37/28/c
Rockford	31/22/c	32/27/c
Springfield	36/24/s	38/31/c
Sterling	33/25/c	32/28/c
Indiana		
Bloomington	35/25/pc	40/29/c
Evansville	40/27/s	43/33/pc
Fort Wayne	35/26/sf	36/27/c
Indianapolis	34/27/pc	39/29/c
Lafayette	36/25/pc	39/30/pc
South Bend	34/27/sf	37/30/c
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	30/15/c	26/23/c
Kenosha	33/23/c	35/27/c
La Crosse	28/20/c	29/19/pc
Madison	29/19/c	28/24/c
Milwaukee	33/23/c	32/27/c
Wausau	28/15/c	25/18/c
Michigan		
Detroit	36/28/sf	36/29/c
Grand Rapids	34/28/sf	34/29/c
Marquette	23/14/sf	25/14/c
Sault Ste. Marie	25/12/c	28/21/c
Traverse City	33/27/sf	31/27/c
Iowa		
Ames	26/15/c	29/24/pc
Cedar Rapids	26/18/c	27/23/pc
Des Moines	28/19/c	29/24/c
Dubuque	28/20/c	27/23/pc

NATIONAL CITIES

	Fri.	Sat.
City	**Hi/Lo/W**	**Hi/Lo/W**
Abilene	63/43/pc	61/31/c
Albany, NY	38/26/sn	32/17/c
Albuquerque	40/23/sn	40/20/pc
Amarillo	55/28/c	41/23/sn
Anchorage	31/25/sn	29/11/c
Asheville	50/28/s	50/38/pc
Aspen	25/5/sn	25/3/pc
Atlanta	57/38/pc	57/42/c
Atlantic City	49/36/pc	42/31/s
Austin	57/44/c	57/40/sh
Baltimore	52/34/pc	45/33/s
Billings	40/27/pc	44/28/c
Birmingham	55/36/pc	55/45/sh
Bismarck	26/14/c	27/9/c
Boise	35/19/pc	35/21/c
Boston	39/29/sn	34/25/c
Brownsville	76/62/c	72/55/c
Buffalo	37/30/sn	36/30/c
Burlington, VT	35/19/sn	28/18/c
Charleston, SC	68/45/s	56/45/c
Charleston, WV	39/31/c	42/29/pc
Charlotte	59/34/s	52/41/pc
Chattanooga	54/32/c	53/42/c
Cheyenne	25/11/c	28/18/pc
Cincinnati	34/27/pc	41/31/c
Cleveland	37/30/sf	36/29/c
Colorado Spgs	30/17/c	34/15/s
Columbia, MO	41/26/s	43/32/pc
Columbia, SC	64/39/s	54/42/c
Columbus, OH	35/29/c	37/27/c
Concord	33/19/sn	31/5/c
Corpus Christi	62/54/c	61/47/sh
Dallas	59/43/pc	56/37/c
Daytona Beach	74/55/pc	66/59/c
Denver	22/14/c	27/16/s
Duluth	21/14/c	27/13/c
El Paso	61/31/pc	52/27/pc

	Fri.	Sat.
City	**Hi/Lo/W**	**Hi/Lo/W**
Fairbanks	6/0/pc	11/-35/sn
Fargo	21/13/c	22/2/s
Flagstaff	27/4/sn	35/8/s
Fort Myers	80/66/c	77/66/r
Fort Smith	56/35/pc	48/39/sh
Fresno	54/34/pc	54/36/pc
Grand Junction	33/18/sn	36/14/s
Great Falls	36/23/c	42/24/c
Harrisburg	46/34/c	42/30/pc
Hartford	39/32/c	37/21/pc
Helena, MT	31/15/pc	32/26/c
Honolulu	81/68/sh	81/69/pc
Houston	56/48/c	56/45/t
Int'l Falls	22/14/c	29/1/c
Jackson, MS	56/44/pc	51/46/t
Jacksonville	73/45/pc	63/52/c
Juneau	44/37/r	40/35/sf
Kansas City	43/29/pc	38/28/c
Las Vegas	51/34/s	52/33/s
Lexington	36/28/pc	45/31/s
Lincoln	35/18/pc	31/15/sf
Little Rock	54/33/pc	51/39/c
Los Angeles	61/41/s	65/45/s
Louisville	40/30/pc	46/35/s
Macon	63/40/pc	55/45/c
Memphis	49/34/pc	52/43/c
Miami	83/68/c	80/71/pc
Minneapolis	26/18/c	28/15/c
Mobile	62/46/pc	56/50/t
Montgomery	60/44/pc	54/48/sh
Nashville	48/30/pc	50/39/pc
New Orleans	60/52/pc	60/56/t
New York City	47/36/c	43/35/pc
Norfolk	57/38/s	47/37/pc
Oklahoma City	56/37/pc	48/29/sh
Omaha	29/19/pc	32/18/sf
Orlando	77/57/pc	68/60/sh

	Fri.	Sat.
City	**Hi/Lo/W**	**Hi/Lo/W**
Palm Beach	82/65/pc	79/71/pc
Palm Springs	65/43/s	68/43/s
Philadelphia	50/35/c	44/32/pc
Phoenix	58/37/pc	59/37/s
Pittsburgh	36/30/sf	36/25/c
Portland, ME	32/20/sn	33/13/c
Portland, OR	48/32/pc	44/37/sh
Providence	38/30/c	37/23/pc
Raleigh	59/34/s	51/38/pc
Rapid City	38/23/c	43/23/pc
Reno	33/18/s	37/25/pc
Richmond	55/32/s	49/33/pc
Rochester	37/29/sn	35/29/c
Sacramento	55/31/s	55/32/s
St. Louis	41/27/s	44/34/pc
Salem, OR	46/29/pc	48/35/sh
Salt Lake City	35/20/sf	34/17/c
San Antonio	58/48/c	61/42/sh
San Diego	62/42/s	64/43/s
San Francisco	58/42/s	59/44/s
San Juan	83/70/s	83/71/pc
Santa Fe	38/18/sn	33/12/c
Savannah	66/46/pc	57/49/c
Seattle	47/36/c	45/38/r
Shreveport	57/44/pc	53/41/t
Sioux Falls	26/18/c	27/14/s
Spokane	35/23/c	36/27/c
Syracuse	38/27/sn	34/28/c
Tallahassee	68/47/pc	61/50/t
Tampa	74/59/pc	68/62/sh
Topeka	44/26/pc	38/28/sn
Tucson	55/30/pc	56/31/s
Tulsa	53/34/s	44/31/c
Washington, DC	53/35/pc	47/34/s
Wichita	49/33/pc	37/25/c
Wilkes-Barre	42/35/sn	37/30/c
Yuma	62/40/s	63/39/s

Weather(**W**): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice. **POP**: Probability of Precipitation.

WORLD CITIES

	Fri.	Sat.
City	**Hi/Lo/W**	**Hi/Lo/W**
Acapulco	84/67/s	85/67/s
Algiers	57/41/r	53/39/r
Amsterdam	40/27/sn	38/30/c
Ankara	56/25/s	54/28/s
Athens	60/55/sh	62/50/sh
Auckland	77/63/pc	78/61/pc
Baghdad	66/42/s	64/42/pc
Bangkok	89/71/pc	91/72/pc
Barbados	84/75/s	84/76/s
Barcelona	58/35/pc	54/35/s
Beijing	32/9/pc	37/15/pc
Beirut	69/56/s	71/54/s
Berlin	37/27/c	38/33/c
Bermuda	74/66/pc	70/60/pc
Bogota	64/47/t	68/44/r
Brussels	39/27/sn	36/27/c
Bucharest	58/31/r	49/43/pc
Budapest	39/29/c	39/31/c
Bueno Aires	90/74/t	91/75/pc
Cairo	72/51/s	70/50/s
Cancun	83/72/sh	82/73/pc
Caracas	86/72/sh	86/72/s
Casablanca	64/43/s	66/46/pc
Copenhagen	38/33/c	37/28/c
Dublin	43/36/c	48/45/c
Edmonton	32/24/pc	35/30/pc
Frankfurt	37/27/pc	35/30/c
Geneva	34/26/sf	36/29/sn
Guadalajara	82/42/pc	81/42/s
Havana	86/60/pc	86/64/pc
Helsinki	32/19/c	28/19/c
Hong Kong	67/58/s	68/62/pc
Istanbul	62/49/sh	61/48/pc
Jerusalem	63/40/s	63/44/s
Johannesburg	85/60/pc	88/59/s
Kabul	36/18/s	35/20/pc
Kingston	87/74/pc	87/74/pc

	Fri.	Sat.
City	**Hi/Lo/W**	**Hi/Lo/W**
Kyiv	49/33/c	40/35/c
Lima	76/68/pc	76/68/pc
Lisbon	62/53/c	62/47/s
London	44/30/pc	43/28/c
Madrid	54/34/pc	52/26/s
Manila	86/76/r	86/78/r
Mexico City	79/45/pc	76/43/s
Monterrey	69/54/c	73/44/pc
Montreal	30/12/sn	26/17/c
Moscow	39/30/r	34/23/pc
Munich	32/26/sf	31/27/c
Nairobi	81/60/pc	82/60/pc
Nassau	82/65/c	83/70/pc
New Delhi	69/49/pc	68/50/pc
Oslo	27/5/c	14/7/c
Ottawa	29/13/sn	25/20/c
Panama City	91/71/pc	90/73/r
Paris	42/34/pc	39/28/pc
Prague	33/27/c	32/29/sn
Rio de Janeiro	84/73/t	85/75/t
Riyadh	66/44/s	69/47/s
Rome	48/40/pc	47/35/c
Santiago	84/55/s	88/57/s
Seoul	34/8/s	31/18/s
Singapore	87/77/r	87/76/r
Sofia	49/31/r	49/36/c
Stockholm	34/24/c	31/25/c
Sydney	74/66/pc	75/68/pc
Taipei	63/59/r	70/61/pc
Tehran	49/33/pc	47/32/s
Tokyo	52/39/s	47/35/c
Toronto	36/27/sn	34/29/c
Trinidad	84/75/pc	84/75/pc
Vancouver	46/40/c	45/34/r
Vienna	38/31/c	35/29/c
Warsaw	35/30/c	35/26/sn
Winnipeg	21/9/c	23/5/pc

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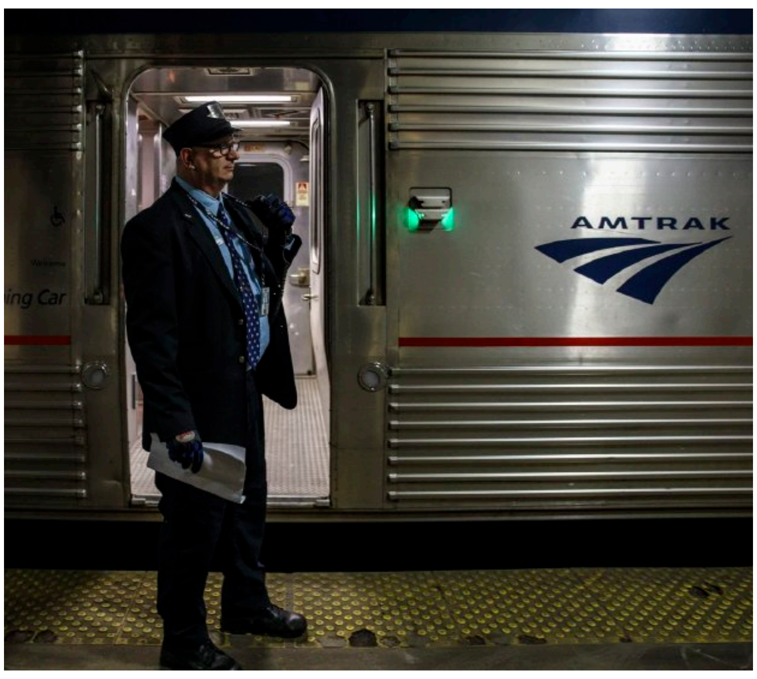
Amtrak eyeing new cars for long trips

14 overnight routes, most through Chicago, could receive upgrade

By Sarah Freishtat
Chicago Tribune



An Amtrak conductor prepares a California Zephyr train for departure in 2017 at Union Station in Chicago. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Amtrak is planning to replace its fleet of train cars used on 14 overnight routes, most of which travel through Chicago Union Station.

The purchase, which could be valued in the billions of dollars, would upgrade cars that in some cases have been in use for 40 years, according to the passenger rail service. It could also be one step toward improving on-time performance, though other efforts are also needed, Amtrak board Chair Anthony Coscia said.

The new rail cars, which would run on routes like the California Zephyr between Chicago and San Francisco and the Cardinal between New York and Chicago, are the latest plans for investment in a system that Coscia said has for years been underfunded. Efforts are already underway to modernize some shorter-distance trains in other parts of the country and roll out new locomotives, and the agency has outlined a vision for a major, decadeslong expansion of rail service, subject to funding.

"In a way it sort of is the capstone ... to our effort to modernize passenger rail," Coscia said.

Amtrak has discussed ideas for the new cars with manufacturers, but has not yet issued formal procurement requests. An exact price tag and time frame will depend on the bidding, but new trains could be delivered within five to 10 years, Coscia said. Funding for the purchase, which he described as a "major, major capital expenditure," would come from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act signed into law in 2021, he said.

This purchase will not cover local routes, like those running between Chicago and Milwaukee or downstate to Carbondale or Quincy.

The new cars and locomotives could help reduce delays on overnight trains because new equipment will operate more reliably and efficiently than old trains, Coscia said. But a key cause of delays is interference from freight trains, which often share tracks with Amtrak, and the agency is continuing to work with the freight rail companies, he said.

A report from the Federal Railroad Administration for the quarter ending June 2022 determined some of the Amtrak routes with the lowest on-time performance included overnight routes slated for train upgrades, like the Southwest Chief and California Zephyr, both of which got slightly more than 15% of customers to their destinations on time. The largest cause of delays across the system was freight train interference, which accounted for 23% of all minutes delayed, according to the report.

Chicago passenger rail advocate F.K. Plous, director of communications at a passenger rail development and finance company, said the long-distance train purchase would be a good start for the system. It signals a focus on the type of Amtrak service that has seemed, to him, to have been overlooked for years, but that many people rely on for regional transportation and that can be more readily available than planes or buses, he said.

But more work is needed to improve Amtrak service.

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Ramsay's Kitchen is taking over the former Ted's Montana Grill location at 39 W. Jefferson Ave. in downtown Naperville. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Ramsay's Kitchen coming to Naperville

City will be home to restaurant from Michelin-starred celebrity chef

By Suzanne Baker
Naperville Sun

When Michelin-starred celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay opens his third Ramsay's Kitchen restaurant this spring, it will be in downtown Naperville.

The city issued a building permit for Ramsay's Kitchen at 39 W. Jefferson Ave., the site of the former Ted's Montana Grill, and the company has started advertising to hire key personnel.

There are only two other Ramsay's Kitchen locations — one in Las Vegas and the other in Boston — and both feature signature main dishes such as pan-seared scallops, beef Wellington and crispy skin salmon.

Renovations for the new location are being handled by 41 North Contractors of Lisle, which also did work on the Quiubo Mexican restaurant on downtown Water Street, Cress Creek Country Club off Ogden Avenue and Market Meadows shopping center on Naper Boulevard, all in Naperville, and Gordon Ramsay Burger in Chicago.

The Gordon Ramsay North America website says the company is looking to hire an executive chef and general manager for its new Jefferson Avenue restaurant in Naperville.

Both positions have a salary range of between $95,000 and $110,000 and require at least three years of experience.

The British chef operates 21 restaurants in the United States, including five Hell's Kitchen establishments named after the reality show he created.

Gordon Ramsay North America did not respond to a request for comment in time for publication.

The property had been listed for lease as a turnkey restaurant with indoor seating for 146 in the current configuration and 20 additional outdoor seats on the patio. Parking is available in a surface lot at the rear of the space and a garage is a half block away.

The Atlanta-based Ted's Montana Grill founded by media mogul Ted Turner debuted at 39 W. Jefferson in April 2007 and closed during the pandemic.

Until July 2004, the property had been home to Oswald's Pharmacy, which relocated from downtown Naperville to 88 W. Gartner Road in what is now Naperville Plaza.

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Albertsons cleared to pay $4B dividend ahead of merger

Associated Press

The Washington state Supreme Court has brushed aside the final remaining legal hurdle in the way of a $4 billion dividend by Albertsons to its shareholders ahead of a proposed merger with rival Kroger.

The state's highest court on Tuesday declined to review a case against the dividend brought by state Attorney General Bob Ferguson, The Seattle Times reported.

Ferguson had argued that the payment could financially weaken Albertsons and lead to shuttering locations of Albertsons and of Safeway, which Albertsons owns.

In a two-page ruling, the court rejected reviewing the case or extending a temporary restraining order blocking the dividend.

Albertsons, which is based in Boise, Idaho, wants to pay the dividend to shareholders ahead of its proposed $25 billion merger with Kroger, which owns QFC and Fred Meyer.

In the Chicago area, Albertsons owns Jewel, which has 183 stores in Illinois and a handful in Indiana and Iowa. Kroger has 44 stores operating under the Mariano's banner in Illinois and about 10 of its Food 4 Less stores in the region.

Ferguson said in a statement Tuesday afternoon that his office respects the decision but is surprised and disappointed the state Supreme Court decided not to hear the case.

Ferguson's case was the final obstacle to the dividend after a federal judge in Washington, D.C., rejected similar efforts by California, Illinois and the District of Columbia. As in Chicago, grocery-store closures have been a concern in the Seattle area, where Albertsons and Kroger have nearly 200 locations. Kroger and Albertsons have both repeatedly dismissed closure concerns.

Grocery store unions also expressed dismay at Tuesday's ruling.

"We are disappointed to see a ruling that favors a small number of ultra-wealthy shareholders over the many thousands of essential workers and millions of Americans who will be left to suffer the consequences of the outright financial looting of Albertsons," said a joint statement from by several grocery unions, including United Food and Commercial Workers International, Local 3000, which represents workers at Seattle-area Albertsons and Kroger stores.

Albertsons will immediately begin the process of paying the dividend to stockholders, the company said in a statement.

Tuesday's ruling doesn't affect the months-long approval process for the proposed Kroger-Albertsons merger, which can be held up by both federal and state regulators, Ferguson said.

"This merger is far from a done deal," Ferguson said. "My team and I will be conducting a thorough review."

Nationwide, Kroger and Albertsons have almost 800,000 employees in nearly 5,000 stores across 48 states and the District of Columbia, Ferguson's office said.

Chicago Tribune contributed.

SOUTH HOLLAND

Business owner faces fed charges

Indictment alleges relief money used to buy a boat, designer handbags

By Mike Nolan
Daily Southtown

A South Holland business owner was scheduled to be arraigned Thursday on federal charges of defrauding COVID-19 aid programs meant to help small businesses get by during the pandemic, using more than $440,000 in loans and grants to buy things such as a boat and designer handbags.

Kimberly Ray-Duncan is accused of falsifying applications for emergency aid such as the federal Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, and an indictment filed Jan. 10 charges her with six counts of wire fraud and three counts of money laundering.

Some of the businesses for which she allegedly filed fraudulent loan and grant applications were not operating, and she is alleged to have inflated information such as numbers of employees, monthly payroll and business operating expenses, according to the indictment.

Ray-Duncan was not immediately available Wednesday to respond to the charges.

While the loan applications were to support businesses during the pandemic, the money was spent on items including a boat, purses under labels such as Prada and Gucci, and Gucci red leather dog collars, according to the indictment.

The alleged fraud began in late May 2020 and continued through at least May of last year, according to the indictment.

Part of the massive aid effort during the pandemic, the federal Paycheck Protection Program was rolled out to offer forgivable loans to small businesses, and Ray-Duncan was able to secure a loan of more than $100,000 for one of her businesses, using fraudulent applications, according to the indictment.

She is also alleged to have filed fraudulent applications for the federal Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program and the Illinois Back to Business grant program, administered by the state's Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Ray-Duncan is alleged to have filed documents including false bank statements, payroll records and information about business revenues in order to obtain the grants and loans, according to the indictment.

According to the indictment, she received at least $238,000 in EIDL money, which was used to buy a 2018 Regal 35 Sport Coupe yacht.

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Key online speech tenets risk high court's scrutiny

Justices to consider cases involving political content, liabilities on platforms

By David McCabe
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — For years, giant social networks like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram have operated under two crucial tenets.

The first is that the platforms have the power to decide what content to keep online and what to take down, free from government oversight. The second is that the websites cannot be held legally responsible for most of what their users post online, shielding the companies from lawsuits over libelous speech, extremist content and real-world harm linked to their platforms.

Now the Supreme Court is poised to reconsider those rules, potentially leading to the most significant reset of the doctrines governing online speech since U.S. officials and courts decided to apply few regulations to the web in the 1990s.

On Friday, the Supreme Court is expected to discuss whether to hear two cases that challenge laws in Texas and Florida barring online platforms from taking down certain political content. In February, the court is scheduled to hear a case that questions Section 230, a 1996 statute that protects the platforms from liability for the content posted by their users.

The cases could eventually alter the hands-off legal position that the United States has largely taken toward online speech, potentially upending the businesses of TikTok, Twitter, Snap and Meta, which owns Facebook and Instagram.

"It's a moment when everything might change," said Daphne Keller, a former lawyer for Google who directs a program at Stanford University's Cyber Policy Center.

The cases are part of a global battle over how to handle harmful speech online. In recent years, as Facebook and other sites attracted billions of users and became influential communications conduits, questions arose over how the social networks might have unduly affected elections, genocides, wars and political debates.

The Supreme Court case that challenges Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act is likely to have many ripple effects. While newspapers and magazines can be sued over what they publish, Section 230 shields online platforms from lawsuits over most content posted by their users. It also protects platforms from lawsuits when they take down posts.

The Supreme Court previously declined to hear several cases challenging the statute. In 2020, justices turned down a lawsuit, by the families of individuals killed in terrorist attacks, that said Facebook was responsible for promoting extremist content.

But on Feb. 21, the court plans to hear the case of Gonzalez v. Google, which was brought by the family of an American killed in Paris during an attack by followers of the Islamic State. In its lawsuit, the family said Section 230 should not shield YouTube from the claim that the video site supported terrorism when its algorithms recommended Islamic State videos to users. The suit argues that recommendations can count as their own form of content produced by the platform, removing them from the protection of Section 230.

With Lunar New Year approaching, travelers pass through the Beijing West Railway Station on Wednesday in Beijing. **MARK SCHIEFELBEIN/AP**

Lunar New Year rush returns

Wave of pent-up travel desire being released in China with COVID-19 policies loosened

Associated Press

BEIJING — Hairdresser Wang Lidan is making an emotional Lunar New Year journey from Beijing to her hometown in northeastern China — her first in three years after the government lifted its strict "zero-COVID" policy that kept millions of people at home and sparked protests.

The relaxation of restrictions let loose a wave of pent-up travel desire, particularly around China's most important time for family gatherings.

Referred to in China as the Spring Festival, it may be the only time of the year when urban workers return to their hometowns.

The Chinese government expects over 2.1 billion journeys to be made during a 40-day travel period around New Year's Day, which falls on Sunday.

"The restrictions are lifted, which made me relaxed. So I think it's time to go home," Wang said before heading into Beijing Train Station for a trip to Heilongjiang province.

In December, China abruptly dropped near-daily coronavirus testing and QR code monitoring of residents after public frustration boiled over into protests in Shanghai and other cities.

This month, it dropped most remaining restrictions, including the demand that travelers from overseas must go into lengthy and expensive quarantine.

Many local governments had also imposed their own quarantine on travelers from outside the area, and it was those that Wang said had deterred her from leaving Beijing.

"If there was an outbreak in Beijing, I would have to be quarantined in my hometown. And when I came back to Beijing, I would be quarantined again," she said.

"I would miss the Spring Festival and delay my return to work if I was quarantined twice. So inconvenient!"

Hu Jinyuan, from the eastern province of Shandon, had managed to return home each year despite the hassles.

He says he plans to continue with regular COVID-19 testing and other safety measures as infections surged and patients flooded hospitals following the lifting of restrictions.

"I do nucleic acid tests every now and then. When I arrive in my hometown, I will surely do a test as a way of self-protection. Otherwise I won't know if I'm infected. If I'm infected, I will just isolate myself at home," Hu said.

Wang Jingli said he decided to work through the holidays since his company would triple his overtime pay. With the COVID-19 restrictions canceled, his children and wife will visit him in Beijing from their hometown in Henan province.

"With the reopening, everyone is very happy about the Spring Festival because we can reunite with our families. But because of my work, I would spend my Spring Festival here in Beijing."

While Lunar New Year has also become a popular time to travel overseas, airlines are still only gradually restarting international flights and government departments are just beginning to issue or renew travel documents.

Many countries have imposed testing requirements on travelers from China that the Foreign Ministry has protested, and worries remain about the spread of the virus in China since containment measures were lifted.

P&G sees shoppers push back on price hikes

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Procter & Gamble Co., the maker of such iconic household products as Crest toothpaste, Tide detergent and Charmin toilet paper, is seeing shoppers cut back some of their purchases as they push back on price hikes.

The company said Thursday that sales slipped 1% in the latest quarter ended Dec. 31, the first quarterly sales decline since mid-2017. Meanwhile, the number of products it sells globally fell 6% in the quarter — half of that was because shoppers reduced purchases, while the rest was due to inventory productions, the company said.

Profits also fell 7% in the quarter.

Procter & Gamble, like many consumer product companies, enjoyed a sales surge during the height of the pandemic as shoppers stocked up on essentials. And even as consumers faced higher prices on everything from food to rent in recent months, they have remained fairly resilient when it came to essentials like laundry and shampoo compared to discretionary items like trendy clothing. P&G has also made sure to offer lower-priced versions in its portfolio to hold on to price-sensitive shoppers.

But Thursday's results show that the constant barrage of higher prices on everyday essentials is wearing down its consumers. P&G said it had to hike prices by 10% in the latest quarter and will keep raising prices as it seeks to offset higher costs in transportation, labor and other areas.

Economists and analysts are closely monitoring shopping behavior amid a challenging economy. The government reported on Wednesday that retail sales fell in December, marking the second consecutive monthly decline and the biggest monthly drop for 2022.

P&G executives acknowledged that there's a lot of uncertainty for 2023, but the U.S. consumer is still intact, and the company upgraded its sales outlook, helped by higher prices.

P&G reported earnings of $3.93 billion, or $1.59 per share, for the quarter — slightly above Wall Street expectations. That compares with $4.22 billion, or $1.66 per share, in the year-ago period.

Vice chair of Fed says inflation is cooling off

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Vice Chair Lael Brainard noted Thursday that recent reports show high inflation in the United States is easing and suggested it was possible that price acceleration may cool without causing significant job losses.

Speaking in Chicago, Brainard sketched out a more optimistic outlook for inflation than some Fed speakers have in recent days.

At the same time, Brainard cautioned that inflation is still high and said the Fed would have to keep interest rates elevated "for some time" to curb price growth. She did not explicitly signal whether she would support a quarter-point or half-point rate increase at the Fed's next meeting Jan. 31-Feb. 1.

Even so, Brainard, an influential voice on policy, pointed to trends she said were likely to lower inflation in the coming months.

The cost of goods such as autos, furniture and clothes has declined, along with energy prices, she said. There are signs the job market is cooling, including a drop in the average workweek, which could signal smaller wage increases. Though higher pay is good for workers, it can fuel inflation if businesses charge more to offset their rising labor costs.

And Americans still generally expect inflation to decline in the coming years, Brainard noted. That's an important measure because if people assume that prices will keep rising, they will alter their behavior by accelerating their purchases before prices rise further.

They may also push for higher pay to offset rising costs, thereby worsening inflation.

All those factors, Brainard said, "may provide some reassurance that we are not currently experiencing a 1970s-style wage-price spiral."

BUSINESS BRIEFING

30-year mortgage rate dips to 6.15%

WASHINGTON — The average long-term U.S. mortgage rate fell this week to its lowest level since September, a potential boost to the housing market which has been in decline for nearly a year.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the average on the benchmark 30-year rate fell to 6.15% from 6.33% last week. A year ago the average rate was 3.56%.

The average long-term rate reached a two-decade high of 7.08% in the fall as the Federal Reserve continued to boost its key lending rate in its quest to cool the economy and tame inflation.

The rate for a 15-year mortgage, popular with those refinancing homes, also declined this week to 5.28% from 5.52% last week.

Amazon ending charity program

Amazon is ending a charity donation program it ran for a decade in its latest cost-cutting move.

In a blog post Wednesday, the company said the program, called AmazonSmile, will shut down by Feb. 20 because it had "not grown to create the impact" the retailer had hoped.

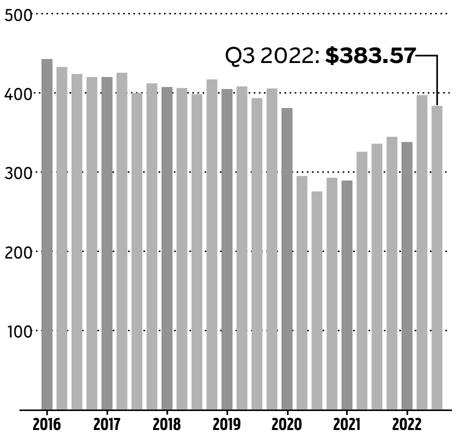
The program allowed Amazon to donate a small percentage of eligible purchases to a charity selected by shoppers.

"With so many eligible organizations — more than 1 million globally — our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin," the company said.

The decision also comes as the company is laying off workers and axing different areas of its business in an effort to trim costs.

Average airfare

U.S. domestic quarterly average airfare, adjusted for inflation



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Gates Foundation addresses the question of its own power

By Thalia Beaty
Associated Press

Bill and Melinda Gates in Kirkland, Wash. As the world's top private philanthropic donor, the Gates Foundation will give away $8.3 billion this year. **ELAINE THOMPSON/AP 2019**

Does the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have too much power and influence?

It's a question the foundation's CEO Mark Suzman raised in its annual letter released this week that outlines the organization's priorities and announces its budget for the coming year. With $8.3 billion to give away in 2023, the Gates Foundation is the largest private philanthropic donor. And with an endowment of more than $70 billion, its spending power is likely to continue for many decades.

When asked what he thought the answer to that question was, Suzman said, "No."

He said the Seattle-based foundation takes its direction from the Sustainable Development Goals, set by the United Nations and its member countries in 2015.

"We try to use our tools, our skills, our resources, sometimes our technical skills, sometimes our voice in advocacy to help advance and drive those forward," Suzman said.

Others disagree, including researchers who have followed the foundation's funding for education in the U.S., its weight in international global health organizations and its approach toward the agriculture of smallholder farmers around the world. The foundation works on a wide range of issues and employs 1,700 staff members, who are experts in those areas, and espouses a dream-big ethos of setting ambitious goals.

Bill Gates, in his most recent public letter in December, described the foundation's mission as reducing inequity and helping "people in poor countries who shouldn't die, not die. Especially children."

It has spent billions of dollars to vaccinate against polio, treat and prevent malaria and HIV and more recently advance vaccines for diseases like cholera and advocated for other donors, including countries, to join in these global public health efforts.

But some of its interventions have not achieved their goals, despite widespread adoption.

In one example, the foundation championed a theory of measuring teacher effectiveness in U.S. schools. Then it commissioned research in 2018 that found the approach did little to consistently improve learning outcomes for students. It also advocated for curriculum standards called the Common Core that have been criticized as being too formulaic and are still in effect in some states.

The foundation announced in October a new education initiative funded by $1.1 billion over four years to try to improve math scores through developing new curricula and digital tools. For Alex Molnar, of the National Education Policy Center, the plan demonstrates the power billionaires like Bill Gates have — experimenting with the education of the poorest children, despite past missteps.

"It is so fundamentally misdirected and so obviously wrong, both in the moral sense and in the rational sense, that it is literally breathtaking," Molnar said. "This very wealthy, very narrow man can continually torment schoolchildren while all the while pretending that somehow he's making the world better."

The foundation, Suzman said, approaches its education work with humility and will develop curricula in partnership with teachers, students and schools. It does not impose its ideas from the top down, he said.

When asked about previous criticism that its education work had ignored issues that arise from poverty and that hurt learning, Suzman said he doesn't see that as philanthropy's role.

"If we had great tools to address poverty, we would tackle it," he said, of the foundation.

Molnar disagreed, saying that diminishing the number of poor people would mean stopping the wealthiest people from amassing their fortunes in the first place.

"It requires taking money from people like Mr. Gates — taxing the bejesus out of them," he said. "Nobody should have that much money. Nobody should have that much influence."

Musk's Twitter fuels spread of misinformation on climate

By David Klepper
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Search for the word "climate" on Twitter and the first automatic recommendation isn't "climate crisis" or"climate change" but instead "climate scam."

Clicking on the recommendation yields dozens of posts denying the reality of climate change and making misleading claims about efforts to mitigate it.

Such misinformation has flourished on Twitter since it was bought by Elon Musk last year, but the site isn't the only one promoting content that scientists and environmental advocates say undercuts public support for policies intended to respond to a changing climate.

"What's happening in the information ecosystem poses a direct threat to action," said Jennie King, head of climate research and response at the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, a London-based nonprofit. "It plants those seeds of doubt and makes people think maybe there isn't scientific consensus."

The institute is part of a coalition of environmental advocacy groups that on Thursday released a report tracking climate change disinformation in the months before, during and after the U.N. climate summit in November.

The report faulted social media platforms for, among other things, failing to enforce their own policies prohibiting climate change misinformation. It is only the latest to highlight the growing problem of climate misinformation on Twitter.

Meta, which owns Facebook and Instagram, allowed nearly 4,000 advertisements on its site — most bought by fossil fuel companies — that dismissed the scientific consensus behind climate change and criticized efforts to respond to it, the researchers found.

In some cases, the ads and the posts cited inflation and economic fears as reasons to oppose climate policies, while ignoring the costs of inaction. Researchers also found that a significant number of the accounts posting false claims about climate change also spread misinformation about U.S. elections and COVID-19.

Twitter did not respond to questions from The Associated Press. A Meta spokesperson cited the company's policy prohibiting ads that have been proven false by its fact-checking partners, including the AP. The ads identified in the report had not been fact-checked.

Under Musk, Twitter laid off thousands and made changes to its content moderation that its critics said undercut the effort. In November, the company announced it would no longer enforce its policy against COVID-19 misinformation. Musk also reinstated many formerly banned users, including several who had spread misleading claims about climate change.

Tweets with "climate scam" or other terms linked to climate change denial rose 300% in 2022, according to a report released last week by the nonprofit Advance Democracy.

Musk's new verification system could be part of the problem, according to a report from the Center for Countering Digital Hate, another group that tracks online misinformation.

Previously, the blue check marks were held by people in the public eye such as journalists, government officials or celebrities. Now, anyone willing to pay $8 a month can seek a check mark.

Amtrak

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"We need all kinds of trains," he said. "We need more (short-distance) trains, we need more long-distance trains. We need the old long-distance trains restored. We need the existing long-distance trains to be re-equipped with modern rolling stock, and we need to open new long-distance routes."

Coscia said the purchase could eventually make it easier for Amtrak to meet its long-term vision for expanding rail service.

"By providing this kind of equipment to the long-distance service, we're providing this anchor," he said.

In the meantime, Amtrak has dedicated $28 million to refresh existing overnight rail cars until the new cars arrive.

The current cars have been modified over the years to add power outlets, entertainment systems and Wi-Fi, which hadn't been invented when many of them were designed. Among the cars set to be replaced are sleepers, diners, lounges and coaches built in Chicago by Pullman-Standard from 1979 to 1981, and Chicago-built sleeping cars produced by Morrison-Knudsen between 1995 and 1996, according to Amtrak.

This time around, a Chicago plant could once again be in the running to build the rail cars. CRRC Sifang America, which is building new CTA rail cars at its Chicago plant, is among 10 potential bidders for the Amtrak contract.

Once delivered, the new cars are not the only upgrades Amtrak passengers in Chicago might see. The agency is seeking grants for upgrades to Union Station that include an overhaul of the concourse level and returning unused platforms to service to boost train capacity. The $418 million project could, eventually, create a path for direct service from O'Hare International Airport to McCormick Place.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

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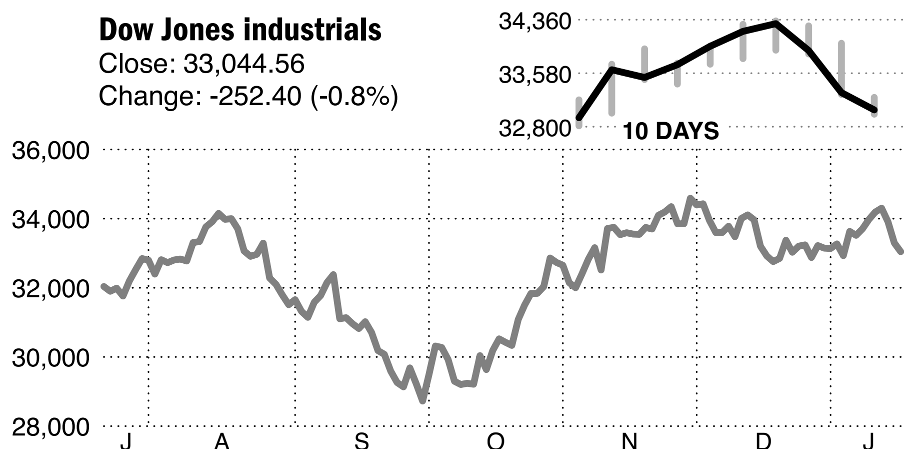

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Major market growth and decline

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FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 23	741.75	748.75	733.50	734.50	-8
		May 23	749.50	755.75	742	742.75	-7.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 23	680	685.25	676	677.25	-4
		May 23	677.75	682	673.50	674.75	-4.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 23	1523.50	1528.50	1509	1514.75	-9.75
		May 23	1520	1522.50	1505	1511.50	-10
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 23	64.05	64.43	62.71	63.15	-.97
		May 23	63.67	64.00	62.50	62.98	-.77
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 23	478.40	480.30	470.80	471.20	-6.90
		May 23	459.90	462.10	455.60	456.20	-4.00
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Feb 23	79.14	81.18	78.13	80.33	+.85
		Mar 23	79.43	81.49	78.45	80.61	+.81
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, $ per mm btu	Feb 23	3.293	3.396	3.186	3.275	-.036
		Mar 23	3.100	3.198	3.056	3.124	+.013
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 23	2.5064	2.6219	2.4879	2.5968	+.0733
		Mar 23	2.5161	2.6286	2.4961	2.6032	+.0694

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.

Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

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Allstate Corp	N	124.64	-7.79
Aptargroup Inc	N	111.99	+.02
Arch Dan Mid	N	85.31	+.31
Baxter Intl	N	43.64	-.36
Boeing Co	N	207.09	-2.32
Brunswick Corp	N	76.11	-.47
CBOE Global Markets	N	122.29	-.29
CCC Intellig Solut	O	8.51	-.10
CDW Corp	O	197.29	-.80
CF Industries	N	85.39	+.76
CME Group	O	174.27	-1.51
CNA Financial	N	41.94	-.59
Caterpillar Inc	N	245.75	-5.87
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	38.27	-.18
Deere Co	N	408.60	-17.39
Discover Fin Svcs	N	101.90	-.44
Dover Corp	N	135.88	-4.64
Envestnet Inc	N	65.01	-.83
Equity Lifesty Prop	N	67.15	-.26
Equity Residential	N	60.71	-.02
Exelon Corp	O	42.04	-.19
First Indl RT	N	51.43	+.07
Fortune Brands Innov	N	59.86	-1.85
GATX	N	107.59	-3.02
Gallagher AJ	N	190.89	-1.10
Grainger WW	N	547.73	-22.94
Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	105.04	+.57
IAA Inc	N	39.94	+.01
IDEX Corp	N	226.47	-7.50
ITW	N	220.99	-6.81
Ingredion Inc	N	102.48	+.18
John Bean Technol	N	96.79	-1.90
Jones Lang LaSalle	N	175.00	-.80
Kemper Corp	N	52.90	-.46
Kraft Heinz Co	O	40.04	+.38
LKQ Corporation	O	55.01	-1.13
Littelfuse Inc	O	238.26	-7.01
McDonalds Corp	N	263.58	-2.46
Middleby Corp	O	145.28	-2.73
Mondelez Intl	O	63.84	-.73
Morningstar Inc	O	237.71	-2.56
Motorola Solutions	N	252.53	-4.33
NiSource Inc	N	26.83	-.21
Nthn Trust Cp	O	90.46	-8.51
Old Republic	N	23.66	-.09
Packaging Corp Am	N	129.77	-1.14
Paylocity Hldg	O	195.63	-1.79
RLI Corp	N	134.78	-1.82
Ryan Specialty Group	N	41.83	-1.05
Stericycle Inc	O	52.07	-.60
TransUnion	N	65.36	-1.63
US Foods Holding	N	35.96	-.22
Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	488.12	-11.96
United Airlines Hldg	O	48.37	-.49
Ventas Inc	N	48.36	-.45
Walgreen Boots Alli	O	35.41	-.20
Wintrust Financial	O	84.77	+2.02
Zebra Tech	O	287.72	-8.82

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Ford Motor	12.18	-.23
Banco Bradesco ADS	2.87	...
Carnival Corp	10.12	-.31
Bank of America	33.23	-.49
AT&T Inc	18.94	-.08
Lumen Technologies	5.03	-.32
AMC Entertainment A	5.52	-.13
Credit Suisse Gp	3.32	-.17
Itau Unibanco Hldg	5.10	-.01
Ambev S.A.	2.60	-.05
Pfizer Inc	44.96	-.04
Keycorp	16.45	-.79
Verizon Comm	40.06	+.09
Palantir Technol	6.73	-.17
Petrobras	11.35	+.37
Nokia Corp	4.68	-.10
Transocean Ltd	5.71	-.02
Schwab Corp	76.32	-5.06
Snap Inc A	9.62	+.21
Blue Apron Holdings	.90	-.00
Nu Holdings Ltd	3.62	-.02
Roblox Corp	33.41	-2.35
Sthwstn Energy	5.73	+.01
Norwegian Cruise Ln	14.78	-.75

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Mullen Automotive	.27	-.01
Tesla Inc	127.17	-1.61
Exela Technologies	.07	-.01
Summit Wireless Tech	.12	+.03
Amazon.com Inc	93.68	-1.78
Bed Bath &Beynd	3.79	-.15
Apple Inc	135.27	+.06
Concert Pharmaceut	8.29	+1.39
Faraday Fut Intllgnt	.58	-.01
Adv Micro Dev	67.71	-2.82
Nvidia Corporation	167.65	-6.12
XORTX Therapeutics	.87	+.09
Alphabet Inc A	93.05	+1.93
Intel Corp	28.42	-.39
Marathon Digital Hld	7.34	+.43
Tricida Inc	.13	-.01
American Airlines Gp	16.28	-.36
Cuentas Inc	.59	+.17
SoFi Technologies	5.41	-.15
Lucid Group Inc	7.45	-.71
Amesite Inc	.33	+.06
Alphabet Inc C	93.91	+2.13
Microsoft Corp	231.93	-3.88
Meta Platforms Inc	136.15	+3.13

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3240.28	+15.9/+.5
Stoxx600	450.75	-6.5/-1.4
Nikkei	26405.23	-385.9/-1.4
MSCI-EAFE	2071.46	-31.4/-1.5
Bovespa	112935.98	+707.6/+.6
FTSE 100	7747.29	-83.4/-1.1
CAC-40	6951.87	-131.5/-1.9

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	93.91	+2.13
Alphabet Inc A	93.05	+1.93
Amazon.com Inc	93.68	-1.78
Apple Inc	135.27	+.06
Berkshire Hath B	305.23	-3.07
Chevron Corp	179.00	+1.77
Eli Lilly	351.08	-.93
Exxon Mobil Corp	111.32	+.71
JPMorgan Chase	134.75	-1.82
Johnson & Johnson	169.53	-.23
MasterCard Inc	367.94	-.98
Microsoft Corp	231.93	-3.88
Nvidia Corporation	167.65	-6.12
Procter & Gamble	142.42	-3.08
Taiwan Semicon	88.40	-1.07
Tesla Inc	127.17	-1.61
Unitedhealth Group	484.36	+8.12
Visa Inc	220.41	+.95
WalMart Strs	138.83	-2.01

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month Disc	4.55	4.54
6-month disc	4.65	4.65
2-year	4.13	4.09
10-year	3.40	3.38
30-year	3.57	3.54

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	$1922.10	$1904.40
Silver	$23.754	$23.530
Platinum	$1032.00	$1034.50

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	7.50
Discount Rate Primary	5.00
Fed Funds Target	4.25-4.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.35

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys . . .

Argentina (Peso)	183.1166
Australia (Dollar)	1.4455
Brazil (Real)	5.1718
Britain (Pound)	.8070
Canada (Dollar)	1.3458
China (Yuan)	6.7769
Euro	.9233
India (Rupee)	81.231
Israel (Shekel)	3.4202
Japan (Yen)	128.44
Mexico (Peso)	18.9897
Poland (Zloty)	4.36
So. Korea (Won)	1233.81
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.30
Thailand (Baht)	32.87

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	29.32	-.12	-7.8
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	48.33	-.30	-2.9
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	53.64	-.25	-11.1
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	64.26	-.16	-5.1
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	61.91	-.37	-10.2
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	51.51	-.46	-21.4
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.97	-.07	-4.2
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	42.05	-.29	-10.1
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	49.58	-.30	-17.3
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	51.91	-.33	-5.2
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	9.94	-.02	-8.3
Dodge & Cox IncI	12.65	-.03	-5.8
Dodge & Cox IntlStkI	46.12	-.04	-4.5
Dodge & Cox StkI	220.35	-1.42	-6.9
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	135.28	-1.03	-12.6
Fidelity Contrafund	12.35	-.05	-20.7
Fidelity GlobalexUSIdx	13.22	...	-9.3
Fidelity GroCo	23.42	-.25	-22.8
Fidelity IntlIdxInstlPrm	43.97	-.18	-7.0
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.20	-.03	-7.6
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	108.14	-.89	-13.0
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	10.52	-.03	-8.1
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.33	-.01	-3.2
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	9.39	-.03	-9.4
PIMCO IncInstl	10.63	-.03	-4.3
PIMCO TtlRetIns	8.77	...	-8.7
Schwab SP500Idx	60.16	...	-12.8
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	359.85	-2.72	-12.6
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	40.68	-.24	-11.0
Vanguard DivGrInv	34.57	-.27	-2.9
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	84.78	-.49	+.1
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	113.76	-1.00	-23.6
Vanguard HCAdmrl	89.68	-.02	+5.8
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.69	+.03	-3.5
Vanguard InsIdxIns	326.84	-2.48	-12.6
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	326.84	-2.47	-12.6
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	98.66	-.82	-18.5
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	259.02	-2.98	-10.1
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	136.36	-.72	-8.4
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.09	-.01	-3.4
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	91.60	-1.05	-8.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Fd	26.20	-.07	-9.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fd	17.28	-.05	-9.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fd	32.55	-.12	-10.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fd	20.09	-.07	-10.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fd	35.30	-.14	-10.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	23.70	-.10	-11.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Fd	39.27	-.17	-11.1
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncFd	12.62	-.03	-8.0
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	9.79	-.03	-8.3
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	9.79	-.03	-8.3
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	29.76	+.02	-9.5
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	118.99	+.05	-9.5
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	17.79	+.01	-9.6
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	94.94	-.78	-13.1
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	94.96	-.78	-13.1
Vanguard ValIdxAdmrl	54.63	-.38	-1.9
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	67.37	-.44	-9.5
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	60.72	-.22	-5.4
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	67.55	-.35	-9.3

d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee.
m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee.
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NATION & WORLD

Baldwin to face charges in set death

Actor and weapons specialist accused in 2021 shooting in NM

By Morgan Lee
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — Actor Alec Baldwin and a weapons specialist will be charged with involuntary manslaughter in the fatal shooting of a cinematographer on a New Mexico movie set, prosecutors announced Thursday, citing a "criminal disregard for safety."

Santa Fe District Attorney Mary Carmack-Altwies issued a statement announcing the charges against Baldwin and Hannah Gutierrez-Reed, who supervised weapons on the set of the Western "Rust."

Halyna Hutchins died shortly after being wounded during rehearsals at a ranch on the outskirts of Santa Fe on Oct. 21, 2021. Baldwin was pointing a pistol at Hutchins when the gun went off, killing her and wounding the director, Joel Souza.

Assistant director David Halls, who handed Baldwin the gun, has signed an agreement to plead guilty to negligent use of a deadly weapon, the district attorney's office said.

Involuntary manslaughter can involve a killing that happens while a defendant is doing something that is lawful but dangerous and is acting negligently or without caution.

The charge is a fourth-degree felony, punishable by up to 18 months in jail and a $5,000 fine under New Mexico law. The charges also include a provision that could result in a mandatory five years in prison because the offense was committed with a gun.

In an image taken from video, Alec Baldwin speaks with investigators following the fatal shooting of a cinematographer on the set of a movie in Santa Fe, N.M. The actor will be charged with involuntary manslaughter. **SANTA FE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Carmack-Altwies said charges will be filed by the end of January, and that Baldwin and Gutierrez-Reed will be issued a summons to appear in court. She said prosecutors will forgo a grand jury and rely on a judge to determine if there is probable cause to move toward trial.

Andrea Reeb, a special prosecutor on the case, cited a "pattern of criminal disregard for safety" on the set.

"If any one of these three people — Alec Baldwin, Hannah Gutierrez-Reed or David Halls — had done their job, Halyna Hutchins would be alive today. It's that simple," said Reeb, also a newly sworn Republican state legislator.

Baldwin's attorney said the charges represented "a terrible miscarriage of justice."

The actor "had no reason to believe there was a live bullet in the gun — or anywhere on the movie set. He relied on the professionals with whom he worked, who assured him the gun did not have live rounds. We will fight these charges, and we will win," Luke Nikas said in a statement.

An attorney for Gutierrez-Reed said the charges were "the result of a very flawed investigation and an inaccurate understanding of the full facts."

"We intend to bring the full truth to light and believe Hannah will be exonerated of wrongdoing by a jury," Jason Bowles said.

It was unclear when Baldwin and Gutierrez-Reed might be required to appear in state court in Santa Fe once charges are filed. Defendants can participate remotely in some initial court proceedings or ask to have their first appearance waived.

Santa Fe County Sheriff Adan Mendoza, who led the initial investigation into Hutchins' death, has described "a degree of neglect" on the film set. But he left decisions about potential criminal charges to prosecutors after delivering the results of a yearlong investigation in October. That report did not specify how live ammunition wound up on the film set.

Baldwin — known for his roles in "30 Rock" and "The Hunt for Red October" and his impression of former President Donald Trump on "Saturday Night Live" — has described the killing as a "tragic accident."

He sought to clear his name by suing people involved in handling and supplying the loaded gun. Baldwin, also a co-producer on "Rust," said he was told the gun was safe.

In his lawsuit, Baldwin said that while working on camera angles with Hutchins, he pointed the gun in her direction and pulled back and released the hammer of the weapon, which discharged.

New Mexico's Office of the Medical Investigator determined the shooting was an accident following the completion of an autopsy and a review of law enforcement reports.

New Mexico's Occupational Health and Safety Bureau levied the maximum fine — $137,000 — against Rust Movie Productions, based on a scathing narrative of safety failures, including testimony that production managers took limited or no action to address two misfires of blank ammunition on the set prior to the fatal shooting.

The armorer who oversaw firearms on the set, Gutierrez-Reed, has been the subject of much of the scrutiny in the case, along with an independent ammunition supplier. An attorney for Gutierrez-Reed has said she did not put a live round in the gun that killed Hutchins, and she believes she was the victim of sabotage. Authorities said they found no evidence of that.

Investigators initially found 500 rounds of ammunition at the movie set on the outskirts of Santa Fe — a mix of blanks, dummy rounds and what appeared to be live rounds. Industry experts have said live rounds should never be on set.

The family of Hutchins — widower Matthew Hutchins and son Andros — settled a lawsuit against producers under an agreement that aims to restart filming with Matthew Hutchin's involvement as executive producer.

"Rust" was beset by disputes from the start in early October 2021. Seven crew members walked off the set just hours before the shooting amid discord over working conditions.

ANALYSIS

Oversight panel has new weight with Trump allies

By Annie Karni
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — They were deeply involved in Donald Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election results. They have come to the defense of people being prosecuted for participating in the deadly storming of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Some have called for violence against their political enemies online, embraced conspiracy theories or associated with white supremacists.

Several of the most extreme Republicans in Congress and those most closely allied with Trump have landed seats on the Oversight and Accountability Committee, the main investigative organ in the House. From that perch, they are poised to shape inquiries into the Biden administration and to serve as agents of Trump in litigating his grievances as he plots his reelection campaign.

Their appointments are the latest evidence that the new Republican majority is driven by a hard-right faction that has modeled itself in Trump's image, shares his penchant for dealing in incendiary statements and misinformation, and is bent on using its newfound power to exact revenge on Democrats and President Joe Biden.

Many of the panel's new Republican members — including Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, Paul Gosar of Arizona, Lauren Boebert of Colorado and Scott Perry of Pennsylvania — are among Trump's most devoted allies in Congress. Their appointments underscore that while the former president may be a shrunken presence in the current political landscape, he still exerts much control over the base of his party.

They are also an unmistakable signal from Speaker Kevin McCarthy of California, who won his post after an excruciating battle with hard-right rebels, that he plans to reward such lawmakers — even some who led the opposition to his election — with high-profile roles.

Both Greene and Gosar were removed from congressional committees by Democrats during the last Congress for internet posts that advocated violence against their political enemies. Both also have appeared with Nick Fuentes, the white supremacist and Holocaust denier.

Joining them on the panel will be Perry, who was one of the key figures in Trump's effort to subvert the election results, and Boebert, who has repeated Trump's false claims that the election was stolen and came under fire for posting about then-Speaker Nancy Pelosi's location on Twitter during the Capitol riot.

The Oversight Committee has long been populated by the most ideological and outspoken members of the House in both political parties, and those who have less interest in legislating than in landing political blows that will grab attention and tarnish their opponents.

"We always treated it as a dumping ground for our less serious members," said Brendan Buck, who served as a top adviser to the past two Republican speakers, Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and John Boehner of Ohio. "Republicans have long treated Oversight as the Land of Misfit Toys."

Republican Reps. Kevin McCarthy and Marjorie Taylor Greene on Jan. 6. Greene was appointed to the House Oversight and Accountability Committee. **HAIYUN JIANG/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

But with Democrats controlling the White House and Senate, leaving the GOP with little prospect of enacting its right-wing legislative agenda, House Republicans have made it clear that investigations will be their primary focus, giving members of the Oversight panel more relevance.

The White House has seized on the elevation of members who have mimicked Trump's tactics as the latest example of the GOP's lurch to the extremes.

"Republicans are handing the keys of oversight to the most extreme MAGA members of the Republican caucus who promote violent rhetoric and dangerous conspiracy theories," Ian Sams, a White House spokesperson, said in a statement, referring to Perry, Greene, Boebert and Gosar. "They have defended and downplayed a violent insurrection against our democracy."

Other new members on the Oversight Committee who have attracted less attention include Rep. Russell Fry of South Carolina, who has campaigned with election conspiracy theorists including Mike Lindell, the CEO of MyPillow; and Rep. Anna Paulina Luna of Florida, who has denied the results of the 2020 election and has appeared on a television program that has pushed the QAnon conspiracy theory.

Rep. James Comer, R-Ky., chair of the Oversight Committee, has said he plans to investigate Biden's family and its business connections. He is not seen as an extremist in the conference.

But he will have to balance and address the demands of committee members like Greene, who has introduced five articles of impeachment against Biden. That includes one on the day he took office, when she accused him of abusing his power as vice president to benefit his son Hunter Biden's business dealings in Ukraine.

New federal program to let private citizens sponsor refugees in US

By Rebecca Santana
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Everyday Americans will be able to help refugees adjust to life in the U.S. in a program launched Thursday by the State Department as a way to give private citizens a role in resettling the thousands of refugees who arrive every year.

The State Department program is called the Welcome Corps. The agency aims to line up 10,000 Americans who can help 5,000 refugees during the first year of the program.

The State Department has traditionally worked with nonprofit groups that specialize in refugee issues to help people from around the world when they first arrive in the country and face a dramatically different way of life. Under the program announced Thursday, five or more Americans would be able to form a group and fill this role as well.

MANDEL NGAN/POOL

They would apply to privately sponsor refugees to resettle in America, and would be responsible for raising their own money to help the refugees during their first 90 days in the country. Assistance would include everything from greeting refugees at the airport to finding them homes and getting kids enrolled in school.

A consortium of nonprofits with expertise in refugee resettlement will help oversee the vetting and certification of those who want to be private sponsors. They'll also offer training so private sponsors understand what's needed to help refugees adjust to life in America. The consortium will be responsible for monitoring the program.

The new initiative will roll out in two phases, according to the State Department. Under the first phase, private sponsors will be matched with refugees already approved for resettlement under the U.S. Refugee Assistance Program. That will start during the first half of 2023.

In the second phase, private sponsors would be able to identify refugees abroad they'd like to help and then refer those people to the Refugee Assistance Program and assist them once they arrive in the U.S.

The Welcome Corps program comes on the heels of a similar, smaller scale endeavor through which Americans were able to sponsor Afghans or Ukrainians. That program launched in October 2021 and has helped just over 800 people coming to America through a network of 230 certified sponsor circles that included a total of about 5,000 people.

Fighting Black maternal mortality

Network of 'home visiting' groups offer lifesaving guidance

By Erica L. Green
The New York Times

Tara Ervin, a doula with Parents as Teachers, sits with an infant she helped deliver in St. Louis. Parents as Teachers is part of a push to fight the growing maternal mortality health crisis among Black women. **AKILAH TOWNSEND/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2022**

ST. LOUIS — Tara Ervin will never forget the week her sister Kelly died.

It was July 1996 and Kelly, 34 weeks pregnant, was in the emergency room with swollen feet and what the doctors said was likely a bladder infection. She was sent home with antibiotics but returned less than 48 hours later in worse shape, vomiting profusely.

A blood test confirmed the worst as Kelly's doctors rushed to deliver her son by emergency cesarean section. They told her family they were sorry, they had done everything they could to save her.

An otherwise healthy 28-year-old had died from toxemia poisoning caused by preeclampsia, a serious complication of pregnancy that went untreated. Friends showed up at Kelly's baby shower the next day, only to learn she was gone.

Kelly's family put photos of her newborn in her coffin.

"I thought that was something that only happened in the movies," Ervin said recently, vowing that her sister's death would not be in vain. "I don't want any other family to endure the trauma we endured."

Today Ervin is a certified doula at a St. Louis-based childhood development nonprofit that is part of a movement fighting a growing maternal mortality health crisis among Black women, who suffer and die at a higher rate — as a result of substandard maternal care and racial biases — than their white counterparts.

The nonprofit, Parents as Teachers, is in a network of more than one dozen "home visiting" programs that won a large funding increase in the $1.7 trillion spending bill that Congress passed late last year.

By providing the doulas, who offer nonmedical support to mothers before, during and after delivery, the program is extending a benefit largely associated with white and affluent women to predominantly Black, low-income mothers in St. Louis who would not otherwise know about it or be able to afford it.

Unlike certified nurse midwives who deliver babies, doulas offer guidance on pain or complications before delivery and help clients navigate hospitals and doctors — exactly the problems that Kelly experienced. Continuous guidance from a doula has been cited as one of the most effective interventions in easing pregnancy.

The goal of the doulas is to go beyond the standard mission of supporting America's most vulnerable children from "cradle to career." Instead they start in mothers' wombs.

"Doula support for a Black mother is like giving them a cape," said Constance Gully, the president and CEO of the Parents as Teachers National Center. The program, she said, teaches mothers to "advocate for their babies beyond the hospital."

The doula program began in St. Louis about four years ago when a group of Black women working at Parents as Teachers noticed a familiar refrain from clients fearful of the health care system.

"I don't want to die," Aminah Williams, one of the first of the group to be certified as a doula, recalled more than one Black expectant mother telling her.

"That shouldn't be the thing that comes to Black women's minds," Williams said. "And it breaks my heart that it is."

The concerns are not hyperbole. Nationally, Black women are nearly three times more likely to die from a maternal cause than white women: The National Center for Health Statistics reports that in 2020, the maternal mortality rate for Black women was 55.3 deaths per 100,000 live births. The 2020 rate for white women was 19.1 deaths per 100,000 live births.

Black women are also more likely to have C-sections, have their pain minimized or ignored, report mistreatment, and have stillbirths than white women.

Over the years, mounting research and high-profile cases of fatal or near-fatal experiences — from that of tennis superstar Serena Williams to a public health researcher at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — have shown that the grim statistics are often a result of a health care system that leaves Black mothers to fend for themselves.

"Racial and ethnic inequities in obstetrics and gynecology cannot be reversed without addressing all aspects of racism and racial bias, including sociopolitical forces that perpetuate racism," the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists said in a 2022 statement. "We have an obligation to work to overhaul currently unjust systems that perpetuate unacceptable racial inequities in health outcomes."

The five certified doulas at the organization in St. Louis are a rarity — roughly 10% of the nation's doulas are Black women — and see themselves as crucial to their Black patients, including newborns, who some research has shown fare better when treated by Black health care professionals.

"I'm Black and I matter to those moms because of it," said Robin Lloyd, one of the doulas, who almost bled to death after giving birth nearly 20 years ago when she said her concerns were disregarded. "We always matter a little more to those who look like us, who go through what we go through."

"We're here to make sure they have a good experience when no one else is interested in that," said Donna Givens, the manager of community partnerships and groups for Parents as Teachers, who was the first certified doula in the St. Louis program.

Since the program started in St. Louis, the women have helped expectant mothers through more than 50 births.

The program reports that 88% of the births have been without complications, 56% of mothers participated in two prenatal doula visits, and 88% of them began breastfeeding. All reported reduced stress.

At least one credits the doula program with saving her life.

Kodi Washington, 30, experienced intense swelling in her feet after the birth of her second child last March. The doctors told her that it was normal and should subside in 10 days, and that she should drink water, elevate her feet, and avoid fried food. When it hurt for her to stand up, she sent a picture to her doula, Givens, who was alarmed and urged her to go to the hospital.

Givens' fears were confirmed.

Washington was admitted with postpartum preeclampsia and dangerously high blood pressure and spent three days in treatment.

"If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't have ever even gone to the hospital," she told Givens in tears on a recent day. "I would have just spent 10 days — dying."

"Wasn't going to happen," Givens replied. "Not on my watch."

Armored vehicles from Britain line up Thursday at the Tapa Military Camp in Estonia. Britain has also promised to provide Ukraine a squadron of Challenger 2 tanks. **PAVEL GOLOVKIN/AP**

WAR IN UKRAINE

Zelenskyy airs frustration as Germany hesitates on tanks

By Geir Moulson and Jamey Keaten
Associated Press

BERLIN — Germany faced mounting pressure to supply battle tanks to Kyiv and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy aired frustration about not obtaining enough weaponry as Western allies conferred Thursday on how best to support Ukraine nearly 11 months into Russia's invasion.

Since the U.K. announced last week that it will send Challenger 2 tanks, Berlin has faced increasing calls to supply Leopard 2 tanks or at least clear the way for others, such as Poland, to deliver German-made Leopards from their own stock.

Germany's new defense minister, Boris Pistorius, left open whether that will happen after meeting on his first in office with U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin.

Pistorius told ARD television he was "pretty sure we will get a decision on this in the coming days, but I can't yet tell you today how it will look."

Austin will host a regular coordination meeting of Ukraine's Western allies Friday at the United States' Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

Speaking by video link on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum's annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland, Zelenskyy offered a veiled critique of major supporters such as Germany and the U.S. that have nonetheless hesitated about sending tanks.

He bemoaned a "lack of specific weaponry." Speaking through an interpreter, he said: "There are times where we shouldn't hesitate or we shouldn't compare when someone says, 'I will give tanks if someone else will also share his tanks.'"

For months, Ukraine has sought heavier vehicles such as the Leopard and U.S. Abrams tanks, but Western leaders have moved carefully.

Germany has been particularly in focus recently. Critics, some inside Germany's governing coalition, have long complained of Chancellor Olaf Scholz's perceived hesitancy to take the next step when it comes to weapons deliveries.

Scholz has been wary of pressure, insisting that Germany wouldn't go it alone and pointing to a need to ensure that NATO doesn't become a party to the war with Russia, though every time so far Berlin has eventually moved ahead.

In Davos Wednesday, Scholz avoided directly answering a question about Leopards, saying Germany will remain one of Ukraine's top weapons suppliers and that "we are never doing something just by ourselves, but together with others — especially the United States."

Asked whether Germany would only deliver Leopards if Washington supplies the Abrams, Pistorius replied that he isn't "aware of such a package." But he insisted that aid must continue to be "coordinated" and it's important for Germany to proceed "shoulder-to-shoulder with the Americans."

An upcoming new package of U.S. military aid is expected to include nearly 100 Stryker combat vehicles and at least 50 Bradley armored vehicles — but not the Abrams, which U.S. officials say has complex maintenance needs.

Celebrated New Zealand PM Ardern to resign in February

By Nick Perry
Associated Press

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announces her resignation Thursday in Napier, New Zealand. She said her last day in office would be Feb. 7. **KERRY MARSHALL/GETTY**

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, who became a global icon of the left and exemplified a new style of leadership, said Thursday that she would leave office.

Just 37 when she became leader, Ardern was praised around the world for her handling of the nation's worst mass shooting and the early stages of the coronavirus pandemic. But she faced mounting political pressures at home and a level of vitriol from some that hadn't been experienced by previous New Zealand leaders.

Still, her announcement shocked the nation of 5 million people.

Fighting back tears, Ardern told reporters in Napier that Feb. 7 would be her last day as prime minister after 5 ½ years in office.

"I know what this job takes, and I know that I no longer have enough in the tank to do it justice. It is that simple," she said.

Lawmakers in her Labor Party will vote for a new leader on Sunday.

Ardern became an inspiration to women around the world after winning the top job in 2017. She seemed to herald a new generation of leadership — she was on the verge of being a millennial, had spun some records as a part-time DJ, and wasn't married like most politicians.

In 2018, Ardern became the second elected world leader to give birth while holding office. Later that year, she brought her infant daughter to the floor of the U.N. General Assembly in New York.

She notched center-left victories while right-wing populism was on the rise globally, pushing through a bill targeting net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, overseeing a ban on assault weapons, and largely keeping the coronavirus out of New Zealand for 18 months.

Her approach to the pandemic irked U.S. President Donald Trump, and she pushed back against wildly exaggerated claims by him about the spread of COVID-19 after he said there was a massive outbreak and "It's over for New Zealand."

In March 2019, Ardern faced one of the darkest days in New Zealand's history when a white supremacist gunman stormed two mosques in Christchurch and murdered 51 worshippers during Friday prayers. Ardern was widely praised for her empathy with survivors and New Zealand's wider Muslim community in the aftermath.

Within weeks, Ardern moved to pass new laws banning the deadliest types of semi-automatic weapons. A subsequent buyback scheme run by police saw more than 50,000 guns, including many AR-15-style rifles, destroyed.

Less than nine months after the shooting, she faced another tragedy after 22 tourists and guides were killed when the White Island volcano erupted.

Ardern was lauded globally for her country's initial handling of the coronavirus pandemic after New Zealand managed to stop the virus at its borders for months. But she was forced to abandon that zero-tolerance strategy as more contagious variants spread and vaccines became widely available.

She faced growing anger at home from those who opposed coronavirus mandates and rules. A protest against vaccine mandates that began on Parliament's grounds last year lasted for more than three weeks and ended with protesters hurling rocks at police and setting fires to tents and mattresses as they were forced to leave.

Many observers said that sexist attitudes played a role in the anger directed at Ardern.

"Her treatment, the pile on, in the last few months has been disgraceful and embarrassing," wrote actor Sam Neill on Twitter. "All the bullies, the misogynists, the aggrieved. She deserved so much better. A great leader."

But Ardern and her government also faced criticism that it had been big on ideas but lacking on execution. Supporters worried it hadn't made promised gains on increasing housing supply and reducing child poverty, while opponents said it was not focusing enough on crime and the struggling economy.

Is a drop in population good or bad?

Experts are split on China's response to demographic shift

By Ken Moritsugu
Associated Press

The U.N. is estimating that the population in China will fall from 1.41 billion to 1.31 billion by 2050, a decrease of a little more than 7%. **MARK SCHIEFELBEIN/AP**

BEIJING — For seven decades, China's Communist Party has ruled the world's most populous country. As the nation's population begins to shrink, experts say, it will face challenges ranging from supporting the elderly to filling the ranks of its military.

Population growth has been slowing for years, but the announcement this week that the country's population fell by about 850,000 in 2022 came sooner than projected.

"Those developments … may well feed domestic challenges at home and strategic challenges abroad. The party, in short, may be in for a rough go," said Mike Mazza, an analyst of Chinese military modernization at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington.

Others are less pessimistic.

"China's increasingly becoming a higher-tech nation, so concentrating on improving the educational system, particularly in impoverished rural areas, and even in cities, is vital. So as well is increasing productivity. Wealthier people will buy more, which also increases GDP," said June Teufel Dreyer, a Chinese politics specialist at the University of Miami.

With the trend expected to continue, the U.N. estimates China's population will fall from 1.41 billion to about 1.31 billion by 2050 and continue to shrink.

Beijing previously tried to rein in its population growth. Worries that China's population was getting too big prompted it to adopt its "one-child policy" in the late 1970s. Beijing says the policy prevented 400 million additional births, but demographers disagree about how much of the drop in birth rates is explained by the policy.

The one-child policy came on top of existing societal changes, notably the flocking of people to live in cities during the economic boom, demographers say.

"Of course, the one-child policy had an effect," said Sabine Henning, who heads the demographic change section at the U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok. "But lifestyles have changed. Living expenses have increased so people are less inclined to have children. All of this has resulted … in a further decline in fertility since the one-child policy stopped."

Experience in Europe and Japan shows how difficult it is to change mindsets and reverse the decline with government incentives and campaigns.

Faced with a crashing birthrate, the policy was abandoned seven years ago, but efforts to encourage bigger families have been largely unsuccessful, like similar efforts in other countries. Europe and Japan have also struggled to change mindsets and reverse the decline with government incentives and campaigns.

"It amazes me how everyone seems to agree that the planet already has too many people whose demands for even the basics of existence like food, water and shelter are placing intolerable demands on the ecosystem — yet as soon as the population of a country begins to decline, its government reacts with near panic," Dreyer said.

Beijing's most immediate demographic challenge is an aging population: Tuesday's figures showed almost 20% of the population is now age 60 or older, and Chinese estimates say the number will rise to 30%, or more than 400 million people, by 2035.

To support this population of retirees, China may increase the retirement age, currently 50-55 for women and 60 for men.

The demographic news comes as China's economy is still recovering from the three-year struggle against COVID-19, which not only battered the economy but sparked rare protests.

Even with a shrinking population, China maintains considerable economic advantages over emerging manufacturing rivals such as Vietnam and India, which is set to overtake China as the most populous country this year. China has superior infrastructure and long-standing private sector relationships that it can rely on for years to come, said Mazza.

China's political system also plays a role, said Mary Gallagher, a scholar of Chinese politics at the University of Michigan.

"Becoming the workshop of the world … requires a political system that can take advantage of that cheap young labor without much regard for the laborers' political and civil rights," Gallagher said.

U.S. economic sanctions and its push to block Beijing's access to cutting-edge processors and chip-making technology are further complicating efforts at recovery.

The Communist Party also faces a challenge finding qualified recruits for its military, the 2 million-member People's Liberation Army, experts say.

"It is doubtful that the PLA is getting the best and the brightest, given that families who have the means will discourage military service," said Daniel Blumenthal, director of Asian Studies at the American Enterprise Institute and an expert on East Asian security issues and US-China relations.

Blumenthal warns, however: "That said, if (Chinese leader Xi Jinping) decides he wants a war over Taiwan he will not be deterred by caring about one-child families."

Some American observers argue these challenges could prompt Beijing to make aggressive moves sooner.

ANALYSIS

Changing China may be backed into a corner

By Chris Buckley, Joy Dong and Amy Chang Chien
The New York Times

A child watches as an adult shovels snow Tuesday in Beijing. China's population shrank last year. **MARK SCHIEFELBEIN/AP**

China's leaders have long known that the country is nearing a demographic crossroads.

Policymakers have warned that China must prepare for a slowly shrinking population and an era of fewer workers and more retirees. State media have urged young couples to seize the opportunity to have two or three children under relaxed family-size rules, to soften the looming economic crunch.

And yet the sense of incipient crisis grew this week, when the government confirmed that the nation's population shrank last year for the first time in six decades, sooner and sharper than many experts had forecast.

Even if Chinese officials have warned that a demographic Rubicon was approaching, their preparations have not kept pace with the long-term needs of an aging society, in the eyes of many experts and Chinese people.

China's abrupt abandonment of "zero-COVID" controls exposed a government ill prepared for an explosion in infections. And, similarly, the mounting population pressures may reveal a government that has not done enough to avoid tough choices in coming decades over rival priorities. Between the demands of caring for young and old. Between paying for social welfare and building up China's technological and military might.

China's leader, Xi Jinping, has partly sought to tackle the long-term economic and social pressures from a shrinking, aging society more by lifting the limits on family size. He has taken steps to build a strong social safety net and announced a new phase of "high-quality" growth less dependent on legions of cheap, abundant migrant workers from the countryside.

"The population issue is the most important issue for the future and yet the one that is most easily neglected," Ren Zeping, a former chief economist for the Evergrande Group, a massive housing developer, who has studied the looming demographic crunch, wrote after the figures were released Tuesday.

Ren called for more energetic policymaking, including birth subsidies, stronger paternity and maternity leave, and improved protection of women's rights in the workplace.

After the latest population statistics were released, many suggested in social media posts and in interviews that the government's moves may be too little and too late. To many, the government has barely begun to tackle the deeper reasons many young couples choose to have one child or none at all, like the costs of rearing and educating children and lack of substantial government support, especially for women, at home and in the workplace.

"I'd like to have a kid, but the living pressures are just too much," said Wu Yilan, 34, a shopkeeper in Beijing.

Anxiety and argument about China's new demographic era have been building as birthrates have slowed, especially in recent years. It has now hit a turning point: China's population in 2022 fell by 850,000, with more deaths than births for the first time since a famine in the early 1960s caused by former Communist Chairman Mao Zedong's calamitous social experiment, the Great Leap Forward.

Chinese demographers, economists and business leaders have offered a number of ideas to support a growing number of older people and encourage couples to have more children. In 2016, the government eased the "one-child" policy that had been enforced for over three decades, allowing families to have two children. In 2021, it increased the limit to three.

Even so, most couples still stick to having one child, while two is common in the countryside. Many young people, especially women, remain skeptical that the government is going to make it easier for them to both have children and remain in the formal workforce.

Jennie Liu, 32, a podcast platform manager in Shanghai, said she and her boyfriend agreed that they would like to raise one or two children — but only if they could "run" — a Chinese buzzword for moving abroad.

"If we can run to somewhere with better welfare and an improved overall social environment where a child can obtain residency status, then we may think about having a kid," she said. In China, "the aging population and decline of the working-age population will definitely put pressure on government finances."

The societal issues run deep. After Tuesday's data release, some on the Chinese internet said that despite government promises of a fairer deal for women, many employers did not want to employ women in better, steady jobs, because they did not want to deal with maternity leave and child care.

"In the job market, they worry that if you're 23-30, you'll get married and have a kid, that if you're 30-35 you'll have a second or third one, and if you're over 35, then sorry," read one comment. "This kind of social setting is already the best form of contraception."

The measures championed by Chinese policymakers often neglect the broader pressures on women, especially those from rural and working-class backgrounds, which put them in a bind between family and work, said Yige Dong, an assistant professor of sociology at the University at Buffalo.

Families face intense pressure to get children into better schools, with much of the burden falling on mothers who are also often expected to care for aged parents and parents-in-law.

Xi has not been blindsided by these challenges.

Beijing has unfurled policies to encourage expanded senior care, and promised more social support for women who want to have children. Since citizens have repeatedly expressed public anger over sexual harassment at universities, companies and media outlets, the government has also promised to crack down.

While Xi has endorsed equality between the sexes and repeated Mao's dictum that "women hold up half the sky," he has also encouraged respect for traditional family roles.

"The broad number of women must conscientiously shoulder the burden of caring for the elderly and nurturing the young, educating children, and playing a role in building family virtues," he said in 2013.

But framing China's population pressures as a matter of attitude issues among young women distracts from the deeper social and economic pressures on them, Dong said.

"It's a political issue, not a question of social engineering," she said. "The blame is put on families and individuals, especially young women who are unwilling to get married, but they don't talk about the role of the state and its policies."

Dynamics of conflict have played out before

War in 21st century resembles fighting from past decades

By Max Fisher
The New York Times

Ukrainian solders fire a howitzer Jan. 9 into the Russian-controlled town of Pisky, Ukraine. **NICOLE TUNG/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Any Russian invasion of Ukraine was long expected to play out as a kind of postmodern war, defined by 21st-century weapons like media manipulation, battlefield-clouding disinformation, cyberattacks, false flag operations and unmarked fighters.

Such elements have featured in this war. But it is traditional 20th-century dynamics that have instead dominated: shifting battle lines of tanks and troops; urban assaults; struggles over air supremacy and over supply lines; and mass mobilization of troops and of weapons production.

The war's contours, now nearly a year into the fighting, resemble not so much those of any future war but rather those of a certain sort of conflict from decades past: namely, wars fought between nations in which one does not outright conquer the other.

Such conflicts have grown rarer in the period since 1945, an era often associated more with civil wars, insurgencies and American invasions that have quickly shifted to occupation.

But wars between nations have continued: between Israel and Arab states, Iran and Iraq, Armenia and Azerbaijan, India and Pakistan, Ethiopia and Eritrea. These are the conflicts that military historians and analysts, when asked to draw parallels with the Russian war in Ukraine, tend to cite.

Every war is unique. But certain trends that have played out across this subset of conflicts, including in Ukraine, may help to shed light on what drives week-to-week fighting, what tends to determine victory or failure and how such wars typically end — or don't.

"A lot of conventional wars come down to attrition," analyst Michael Kofman said recently on the national security podcast "War on the Rocks." "The side that is better able to reconstitute over time is the side that's able to sustain the war and ultimately win."

The Russia-Ukraine conflict neatly fits that model, which helps to explain many of its twists and turns, added Kofman, who is the director of Russian studies at CNA, a research institute in Arlington, Virginia.

To take one example, each side's ability to take and hold territory is determined in large part by its ability to field tanks and other heavy vehicles more reliably than its opponent.

And because air power is effective at destroying such vehicles, each side's rate of attrition on the ground is determined in part by who controls the skies.

This is consistent with other such wars. Some analysts argue that Iran ended its decadelong war with Iraq in the 1980s only when it finally wrested control of the skies.

By the same token, the question of who controls the skies is determined in large part by whether Ukraine can field enough anti-air weaponry to keep pace with Russia's ability to field aircraft. That is a question of attrition, too — though one that is as much economic and diplomatic as it is military.

This helps explain why Ukraine, whose production could hardly keep pace even before Russia began bombing its factories, has focused so much on winning Western military aid; why Western governments have focused so tightly on constraining Russia's economy; and why Russian forces have launched so many strikes on Ukrainian cities — which both degrades Ukrainian industry, down to even the functioning of its electrical grid, as well as forces Ukraine to relocate some air defenses from the front lines to cities far removed from the battlefield.

All of these, on some level, are fronts in the war of industrial attrition. This, too, parallels other such wars, for instance the Korean War, in which U.S.-led air attacks devastated North Korean cities in a manner not unlike, and often exceeding, Russia's strike campaign in Ukraine.

One lesson of those conflicts is that, as each side grows desperate to keep pace with the other, it goes to ever-greater lengths to win international support.

That can prolong the war when it favors the aggressor, as did U.S. and Saudi support for Iraq's attempted invasion of Iran. It can help decide the war's outcome, as happened in some conflicts amid the breakup of Yugoslavia, where Western support for one side ultimately exceeded Russian support for the other. It can also reshape global politics more broadly. The geopolitical lines set by the Korean War, in which the North won Soviet and Chinese support against the U.S.-backed South, are still largely in place 70 years later, a factor seen in other conflicts.

"The Yom Kippur War comes to mind," said Sergey Radchenko, a Johns Hopkins University historian, of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, referring to the Arab-Israeli war of 1973.

The coalition of Arab states that attacked Israel sought to eject it from territory it had seized in prior rounds of fighting and reestablish their regional dominance, much as Moscow is seeking to reimpose Ukraine within its orbit and, more broadly, reconstitute some of its Soviet-era power within Europe.

In his speech announcing the invasion, Russian President Vladimir Putin described it as a war to reverse what he considered to be the historical error, amid the Soviet Union's breakup 30 years earlier, that established Ukraine as an independent state.

This parallels the Arab coalition's repeated wars with Israel, which date to that country's declaration of independence in 1948, on territory Arab states considered to be rightfully Palestine. The most recent war between Israel and one of those states was in 2006, marking 58 years of conflict. Formal peace with several of those countries was declared only in the past few years, and tensions still remain at a low boil with others.

This pattern holds across many conventional wars since World War II: a conflict over territory and power balance that began with the declaration of those modern states, and has flared intermittently ever since.

That Russia and Ukraine's war would seem to fit an old pattern at all, as had been widely predicted, may offer wider lessons for the world.

"Strategic weapons have not replaced and will not replace armies," Stephanie Carvin, a Canadian analyst, wrote in an essay on the trajectory of warfare that has circulated widely among experts.

Conventional forces alone can seize and hold territory, making them the central unit of warfare. Newer technology such as drones or satellite communications have not altered that dynamic, nor have new methods such as cyberattacks.

"There's no doubt that ways of waging wars have evolved since the time of Clausewitz with the introduction of new technologies," Radchenko said, referring to the 18th-century Prussian general credited with modern military theory.

But, over and over, he added, what might initially "get called a 'revolution' in military affairs actually plays out as fairly slow changes."

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NEWS BRIEFING

High court says it's yet to find who was leaker of opinion on abortion

From news services

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Thursday an eight-month investigation that included more than 120 interviews and revealed shortcomings in how sensitive documents are secured has failed to find who leaked a draft of the court's opinion overturning abortion rights.

Ninety-seven employees, including the justices' law clerks, swore under oath that they did not disclose a draft of Justice Samuel Alito's opinion that overturned Roe v. Wade, the court said. It was unclear whether the justices were questioned about the leak.

Politico published its explosive leak detailing the Alito draft in early May. Chief Justice John Roberts ordered an investigation the next day into what he termed an "egregious breach of trust."

On Thursday, the court said its investigative team "has to date been unable to identify a person responsible by a preponderance of the evidence."

The investigation has not come to an end, the court said. A few inquiries and the analysis of some electronic data remain.

The court said it could not rule out that the opinion was inadvertently disclosed, "for example, by being left in a public space either inside or outside the building."

While not identifying the leaker, the investigation turned up problems in the court's internal practices, some of which were exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic and the shift to working from home.

Too many people have access to sensitive information, the court's policies on information security are outdated and, in some cases, employees acknowledged revealing confidential information to their spouses. It was not clear from the report whether investigators talked to the justices' spouses.

Some employees had to acknowledge in their written statements that they "admitted to telling their spouses about the draft opinion or vote count," the report said.

Missouri abortion ban: Religious leaders who support abortion rights filed a lawsuit Thursday challenging Missouri's abortion ban, saying lawmakers openly invoked their religious beliefs while drafting the measure and imposed those beliefs on others who don't share them.

The lawsuit filed in St. Louis is the latest of many to challenge restrictive abortion laws enacted by conservative states after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June.

Since then, religious abortion rights supporters have increasingly used religious freedom lawsuits in seeking to protect abortion access.

The Missouri lawsuit brought on behalf of 13 Christian and Jewish leaders seeks a permanent injunction barring the state from enforcing its abortion law and a declaration that provisions of its law violate the Missouri Constitution.

Within minutes of the high court's decision, then-Attorney General Eric Schmitt and Gov. Mike Parson, both Republicans, filed paperwork to immediately enact a 2019 law prohibiting abortions "except in cases of medical emergency."

That law contained a provision making it effective only if Roe v. Wade was overturned.

The law makes it a felony punishable by 5 to 15 years in prison to perform or induce an abortion.

Retirement reaction: Demonstrators gather Thursday at Place de la Republique in Paris to protest French President Emmanuel Macron's plan to raise the retirement age from 62 to 64 by 2030. As part of Macron's plan, people would also need to work a minimum of 43 years to get a pension starting in 2027. French unions said more protests would take place Jan. 31. **LEWIS JOLY/AP**

Biden documents: A frustrated President Joe Biden said Thursday there is "no there there" when he was persistently questioned about the discovery of classified documents and official records at his home and former office.

"We found a handful of documents were filed in the wrong place," Biden said to reporters who questioned him during a tour of the damage from storms in California. "We immediately turned them over to the Archives and the Justice Department."

"I think you're going to find there's nothing there," he said. "There's no there there."

Biden expressed frustration as he surveyed coastal storm damage, telling reporters that it "bugs me" that he was being asked about the handling of classified material even as "we have a serious problem here" in California.

"Why you don't ask me questions about that?" he pressed.

Western wildfire relief: The U.S. is directing $930 million toward reducing wildfire dangers in 10 western states by clearing trees and underbrush from national forests, the Biden administration announced Thursday, as officials struggle to protect communities from destructive infernos being made worse by climate change.

Under a strategy now entering its second year, the U.S. Forest Service is trying to prevent out-of-control fires that start on public lands from raging through communities.

But U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack acknowledged that a shortage of workers that has been plaguing other sectors of the economy is hindering the agency's efforts on wildfires.

The goal is to lower wildfire risks across almost 80,000 square miles of public and private lands over the next decade. The idea is to remove many trees and other flammable material from "hotspots" that make up only a small portion of fire-prone areas but account for about 80% of risk to communities.

The work is projected to cost up to $50 billion.

Peru unrest: People poured into Peru's coastal capital, many from remote regions, for a protest Thursday against President Dina Boluarte and in support of her predecessor, whose ouster last month launched deadly unrest and cast the nation into political chaos.

There was a tense calm in Lima ahead of the protest that supporters of former President Pedro Castillo hope opens a new chapter in the weekslong movement to demand Boluarte's resignation, the dissolution of Congress, and immediate elections. Castillo, Peru's first leader from a rural Andean background, was impeached after a failed attempt to dissolve Congress.

Anger at Boluarte was evident as street sellers hawked T-shirts saying, "Out, Dina Boluarte," and "Dina murderer, Peru repudiates you." By early afternoon, protesters had turned key roads into large pedestrian areas in Lima.

The protests have so far been held mainly in Peru's southern Andes, with 54 people dying amid unrest.

Missing students: U.S. authorities handed over a key suspect in the 2014 disappearance of 43 college students to Mexico, after the man was caught trying to cross the border Dec. 20 without proper documents.

Mexico's National Immigration Institute identified the man only by his first name. A federal agent later confirmed Thursday that he is Alejandro Tenescalco.

Tenescalco was a police supervisor in the city of Iguala, where the students from a rural teachers college were abducted by municipal police.

Investigations suggest corrupt police turned the students over to a drug gang, which killed them and burned their bodies.

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BULLS IN PARIS **BULLS 126, PISTONS 108**

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Zach LaVine's 30 points lead dominant performance over Pistons

By Julia Poe
Chicago Tribune

Halfway around the world, the Bulls finally delivered a win with a quality that had been missing all season — domination.

This Bulls season has been filled with up-and-down insanity — squandered leads, intense comebacks, razor-thin margins that force buzzer-beaters. That was not the case on the international stage against the Pistons on Thursday in the NBA Paris Game.

The Bulls did not trail for one second in an emphatic 126-108 victory against the worst team in the Eastern Conference.

They won every quarter and held the Pistons at a double-digit deficit for the entire second half. In the final minute, the Bulls were allowed to partake in a luxury they rarely have seen this season — pulling all their starters to let the deepest reserves wind down the clock, capped by rookie Dalen Terry's final basket.

ABOVE: Zach LaVine puts up a shot Thursday in the third quarter against the Pistons at The Accor Arena in Paris.
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The highs

- DeMar DeRozan thundered back after missing three games with a strained right quad, scoring his first points of the game with a monstrous right-handed dunk. He finished with 26 points, nine rebounds and five assists.
- Zach LaVine wore a wrap on his right hand to contain swelling — an injury he suffered Jan. 11, against the Washington Wizards. Despite the hindrance, LaVine found success around the rim through dunks and layups, finishing with 30 points and four assists.
- Fresh off a career-high-tying 43-point game Sunday against the Golden State Warriors, Nikola Vučević had 16 points, 15 rebounds and six assists. It was Vučević's 10th

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Brey to step down as coach of Irish

Move to come after ND's season, says 'it's time for a new voice'

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey shouts instructions to his players during the first half Tuesday against Florida State in South Bend.
MICHAEL CATERINA/AP

Mike Brey needed only one season to turn Notre Dame from a forgotten program into an NCAA Tournament team.

He spent the next 22 seasons chasing the school's second Final Four appearance, and this season will be his last chance.

School officials on Thursday announced Brey would be stepping down at the end of the season after winning a school-record 481 games and leading the program for a school-record 23 years. But athletic director Jack Swarbrick issued a statement that indicated Brey would remain on staff in an as-yet undefined capacity.

"It has been a great run for me and our program over the past two decades, but it is time for a new voice to lead this group into the future," Brey said in a statement released by the athletic department. "I want to thank our student-athletes, assistant coaches and support staff who have played such a key role in the culture we have created."

Notre Dame has scheduled a news conference for Friday.

Brey left Delaware in July 2000 after taking the Blue Hens to two NCAA Tournaments in three seasons — something that seemed little more than an afterthought in South Bend, considering that in the nine seasons following Digger Phelps' retirement in 1991, Notre Dame's once blue-chip program had been shut out of the NCAA Tournament and had earned only three NIT bids.

But the man who served as an assistant under America's best-known high school coach — Morgan Wootten at Maryland's

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Blackhawks need to get back to losing ways

Rebuild can't afford these kind of winning streaks

Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

With five wins in six games after their 4-1 victory against the Flyers in Philadelphia on Thursday, the Chicago Blackhawks have proved something to their loyal fans.

They're no good at tanking.

Unfortunately at this point most Hawks fans would be much happier if they tried to tank a little harder, giving them a better chance in the draft lottery, in which game-changing center Connor Bedard awaits as the No. 1 pick.

Bedard, 17, recently was named Most Valuable Player at the 2023 World Junior Championship, guiding Team Canada to a gold medal and leading the tournament in goals (nine), assists (14) and points (23). He was the seventh player all time to be granted exceptional player status to enter the Canadian Hockey League at an early age and on Thursday was leading the Western Hockey League in goals (36) and points (78) in 31 games.

Bedard already is one of the most famous hockey names around and may be the third most talked-about player between periods at the United Center behind Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews.

Every Blackhawks fan knows exactly what is at stake here. So does general manager Kyle Davidson, coach Luke Richardson and everyone on the ice.

"He is one of the more natural scorers to come along since Patrick Kane with a draft hype reminiscent of Connor McDavid and Sidney Crosby," vice president of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr said in an NHL news release. "Like those three, Bedard is a player that can bring you out of your seat."

Or actually put you into a seat, which is the kind of player the Blackhawks are hoping to get in the draft.

The Hawks are guaranteed a top-three pick if they finish at the bottom of the league, so they'll no doubt get a very talented player either way. But what matters most right now is trying to get in

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Team	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
BULLS				ATL 7 p.m. | NBCSCH	@IND 6 p.m. | NBCSCH
BLACKHAWKS		@STL 7 p.m. | NBCSCH	LA 6 p.m. | NBCSCH		@VAN 9 p.m. | NBCSCH

TOP OF THE SECOND

Bulls Zach LaVine drives against the Pistons' Killian Hayes on Thursday at the Accor Arena in Paris. LaVine scored 30 points in the Bulls' 126-108 win.
CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

Bulls

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consecutive double-double.

- Derrick Jones Jr. decided to remain in international air throughout the game, throwing down four highflying dunks from lobs and off the bounce to fuel bench scoring — and ignite Bulls fans in the stands. Jones scored 12 points as he continues to absorb minutes from injured power forward Javonte Green.
- Coby White scored the Bulls' first eight points of the fourth quarter, extending a stretch of consistent shooting performances. He finished with 10 points and hit both of his 3-point attempts.

The lows

- Neither team excelled from the 3-point line in a game focused mostly on paint and midrange scoring. The Bulls went 7-for-23 (30.4%) from behind the arc compared with the Pistons' 8-for-34 (23.5%).
- The Bulls often struggle to keep up on the offensive boards against young, athletic teams such as the Pistons. That remained the case Thursday. The Bulls were outrebounded 16-11 on the offensive boards but outscored the Pistons 12-10 in second-chance points.
- Andre Drummond was the only Bulls player not to see the court. Coach Billy Donovan often holds the former Pistons star out of games against opponents that place Drummond at a stark speed disadvantage.

Stars in attendance

The game attracted famous fans from around the world — French soccer star Antoine Griezmann, model Naomi Campbell, Formula 1 drivers Charles Leclerc and Pierre Gasly and musical artists Pusha T, Lil Baby and Pharrell. French youth star Victor Wembanyama — who is expected to go No. 1 in the 2023 NBA draft — also was in attendance.

Former NBA star Tony Parker spoke before the game, and former Bulls star Joakim Noah was recognized. NBA legends Magic Johnson, Rip Hamilton and Ben Wallace also were honored.

Injury report

Green missed the trip after undergoing an arthroscopic debridement on his right knee Jan. 11, which did not leave enough recovery time for him to make the flight. Green had been in and out of the lineup since early December with the injury, which stemmed from a deep bone bruise.

Where they stand

The Bulls improved to 21-24 and remained in 10th place in the Eastern Conference.

Up next

The Bulls return home to host the Hawks on Monday.

Brey

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DeMatha High — and under Division I's winningest college coach, Mike Krzyzewski, helped Notre Dame return to its more glorious days.

Notre Dame snapped a 10-year tournament drought in 2001 and made 13 appearances under the 63-year-old Brey. He won 15 tournament games, tying the school record, and Notre Dame became the nation's only program to reach back-to-back Elite Eights in 2015 and 2016.

"That Mike is the winningest coach in the 119-year history of Notre Dame men's basketball speaks to his skill as a teacher of the game," Swarbrick said.

"His even greater legacy, however, lies in his achievements as an educator and mentor of the young men who played for him. In that sense, he represents this university as well as any coach I have worked with during my time at Notre Dame."

Brey was more than a basketball coach.

He emerged as a widely respected member in the community where his children attended school and became a popular campus figure despite being overshadowed by the school's more prominent football program and occasionally the powerhouse women's basketball and baseball teams too.

But Brey excelled on the court, turning the Irish into title contenders in two conferences.

Three times he was named Big East coach of the year and won 146 conference games, which ranks fifth all time. In 2011, Brey was named the Associated Press coach of the year after leading the Irish to a 27-7 mark and perfect 17-0 home record.

Notre Dame moved to the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2013, and two years later Brey won the conference tournament title by defeating Miami, Duke and North Carolina during a 32-6 season. The Irish returned to the ACC tournament semifinals in 2016 and the ACC final in 2017, and seven of Brey's players were NBA draft picks.

But lately it has been more challenging for Brey and the Irish. After going 24-11 and ending a five-year tournament drought last season, the Irish are 9-10 off to a 1-7 start in the ACC. Chants of "Fire Brey" could be he heard during games in the last year, something the coach occasionally said was warranted based on the team's poor performances.

Brey is 580-321 overall and ranks 50th on the Division I career wins list. He is 481-269 with Notre Dame, a victory total that ranks sixth among active coaches at their current schools.

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PLAYOFFS

Giants running back Saquon Barkley rushes against the Vikings on Sunday in Minneapolis. **ABBIE PARR/AP**

Quieting his critics

Giants RB Barkley knows postseason runs will help cement legacy

By Dennis Waszak
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Saquon Barkley recently did some research, studying the NFL record book as if he were preparing for a game.

The Giants running back was curious as to what some of the greatest players at his position accomplished in the playoffs. He sat wide-eyed as names such as Emmitt Smith, Eric Dickerson, Franco Harris and John Riggins jumped off the page — all Pro Football Hall of Famers who cemented their marks when it counted most.

Barkley hopes to run his way onto those lists someday as one of the game's all-time best.

"You've got to do it in both — regular season and postseason — throughout your whole career," Barkley said this week. "There's going to be ups, there's going to be downs, but you've got to try to be a consistent player.

"You want to create a legacy. You look at all the Giants greats — they did it in the postseason."

Barkley, 25, got his first taste of playoff football in his fifth season with the Giants, helping them to a 31-24 road victory against the Vikings on Sunday.

He ran for two touchdowns, gained 53 yards on nine carries and caught five passes for 56 yards.

Barkley will add to his postseason numbers Saturday night in the Giants' NFC divisional-round game against the Eagles in Philadelphia.

"Yeah, that's extra motivation, but when you're looking back and actually playing in my first playoff game — there's nothing that even comes to mind," Barkley said. "You're just so locked in, so focused because every play, every quarter is so crucial. The situation becomes so critical because it's one game. If you don't take care of one game, you go home. That's really what pushes you — your competitive nature just goes to a whole another level.

"Your intensity just rises because of the nature of the game."

Barkley led the NFC in rushing during the regular season, finishing fourth in the league with a career-high 1,312 yards. He was a workhorse early with 20 or more rushing attempts six times in the first nine games while the Giants tried to find consistency on offense.

"I never thought I had to do everything," Barkley said. "It speaks to the coaching staff, to the players. Our identity changed throughout the season. We're a team that can run the ball 30, 40 times. We've done that. We're a team that can throw the ball 40 times.

"I feel it speaks to myself as a versatile player. I can run in between the tackles. I feel like if you give me a space, I can be dangerous in space and help us out there."

Barkley's role changed in the second half of the season when Daniel Jones emerged as a dual-threat quarterback. It lifted some of the workload off Barkley and made the Giants even more dangerous and productive.

Against the Vikings, Jones out-carried Barkley 17-9 and outgained him on the ground by 25 yards while setting a franchise postseason record for quarterback rushing yards.

It could be a different story Saturday against the Eagles' stout defensive line, which has helped power a pass rush that generated 70 sacks — third most in NFL history.

"They're hard to block," coach Brian Daboll said. "They can stop the run. They've got a lot of really good players. They use them well."

That could make Barkley the X-factor against the Eagles because of his ability to do so many things out of the backfield. But he hasn't run for more than 92 yards in the five games he has played in the series since two 100-yard performances against the Eagles as a rookie in 2018.

"You've got to be above the X's and O's," Barkley said. "They're going to scheme it up to get you one-on-one and you've got to find a way to create the extra yards. Whether it's the toss (move) or spin or using speed or whatever, I feel like that's what separates me from a lot of other backs. And hopefully I can continue to show that throughout the rest of the playoffs."

Barkley's future with the Giants beyond Saturday is uncertain because he will be a free agent. None of that matters to him now, though.

It's all about adding to his Giants legacy — and helping deliver another playoff win.

"I'm chillin'," Barkley said. "I'm just locked in. That's really it.

ASK THE REPORTER
BRAD BIGGS

I believe Bears have to receive a 2024 first-round pick as part of any trade of the No. 1 pick in case Justin Fields regresses. That way they have two 1s in 2024 to get into the Caleb Williams-Drake Maye fray — sort of like Howie Roseman did with the Eagles last season. Agree? — @themaxconnor1

I mentioned previously that acquiring a first-round pick for 2024 in a trade scenario could help position the Bears to get in the QB derby a year from now. That certainly has to be part of the consideration for Ryan Poles and Co. in the event they start getting some action for the pick, something that will not happen for some time.

Of course, if Williams, Maye or another quarterback (Quinn Ewers, anyone?) is lights out in the fall and the presumptive No. 1 pick, you better have that selection in your pocket because it could be a situation in which the team sitting there never would deal down. There would be multiple advantages to adding a future first-round pick in a trade-down scenario. As I detailed above, the Bears probably would have to move down past the Texans at No. 2 to make that happen.

I have seen some people saying the Bears should trade Justin Fields and draft a quarterback. Fields has been great with his running and playmaking, but I think he is subpar with his passing. Do you think the Bears should start over at quarterback and trade Fields while his value is high? What kind of package do you think they could get for him? — Gary

Ryan Poles has said the Bears are excited about working with Fields and helping him improve and indicated it is highly unlikely the team will draft a quarterback at No. 1.

I am not sure the Bears would be trading Fields while his value is high — other teams are going to question the struggles with the team's passing offense. One personnel man I chatted with about this topic a few weeks ago — before Poles held his season-ending news conference — thought the Bears might be able to get a late first-round pick for Fields. Again, it's almost certainly a moot point, but if the Bears were to attempt to trade Fields, his value would be diminished a little because teams would know the team was looking to take a QB at No. 1.

What is the next step for the Bears defense? — Triton John

We will have a much better understanding of what the defense will look like and what strengths it can establish when the player procurement period ends. The bottom line is the Bears have to replace a bunch of starters on that side of the ball, particularly in the front seven. They did that this season, but with limited resources, well, the product wasn't very good.

Six former Bears will have started in the playoffs this season if the Philadelphia Eagles' Robert Quinn is in the mix Saturday. Quinn had arthroscopic knee surgery in early December and has been designated to return from injured reserve, meaning he is on the practice field this week as the team prepares for a divisional-round game against the New York Giants. Linebacker Roquan Smith (Baltimore Ravens), edge rusher Khalil Mack (Los Angeles Chargers), defensive tackle Akiem Hicks (Tampa Bay Buccaneers), cornerback Duke Shelley (Minnesota Vikings) and safety Tashaun Gipson (San Francisco 49ers) started in the wild-card round. And Vikings defensive tackle Khyris Tonga played 24 snaps in the rotation.

The Bears did not improve over any of those players, and that process needs to get rolling in free agency and carry through the draft.

Given the lack of free-agent playmakers at wide receiver, should Ryan Poles be entertaining a run at Odell Beckham Jr. or DeAndre Hopkins? — Robert B., Corona, Calif.

I addressed the possibility of a trade scenario for Hopkins in last week's mailbag. Have you seen the video of Beckham being taken off an airplane in Florida in December? That's more than a little bothersome to most folks.

Beckham has had two surgeries to repair a torn ACL, and I'm not sure the Bears are at the point at which they need to add him to the mix. They would be much more likely to target Jakobi Meyers in free agency than Beckham.

Two items I have not seen addressed: Is Ryan Poles still having to rely mostly on Ryan Pace's scouts? And what did Kevin Warren do for Vikings' on-field success? — Kirk M.

You must have missed the mailbag in November when I detailed the turnover in the scouting department from last season. The Bears hired Ian Cunningham as assistant general manager and Trey Koziol as a co-director of player personnel. They hired three new area scouts: Tom Bradway (Northeast), Ryan Cavanaugh (Midwest) and Reese Hicks (West Coast). Seven college scouts remain from the Pace era.

As far as Warren's contributions in Minnesota, he rose to the level of chief operating officer and oversaw business operations. He didn't oversee football operations — the Wilf ownership group separates the two.

Given Warren has spent more than two decades in the NFL, it's natural to believe he is prepared to oversee the entire operation now. Time will tell. And there is going to be plenty of time for improvement on the field before the Bears move — if indeed they head to the suburbs.

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Blackhawks' Petr Mrázek deflects a shot during the second period of Thursday's game against the Flyers in Philadelphia. Mrázek made 38 saves in a 4-1 win. **MATT SLOCUM/AP**

BLACKHAWKS 4, FLYERS 1

Hawks stay red hot, win 5th of their last 6

By Aaron Bracy
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Jonathan Toews had a goal and an assist, Petr Mrázek made 38 saves and the Blackhawks won for the first time in the regular season in Philadelphia in more than 26 years with a 4-1 victory against the Flyers on Thursday night.

Before Thursday, the Hawks hadn't won a regular-season game in Philadelphia since Nov. 9, 1996. The drought comes with a huge asterisk — the Blackhawks won the Stanley Cup championship in 2010 in Game 6 in Philadelphia.

Reese Johnson and Tyler Johnson also scored, and Philipp Kurashev had an empty-netter for the Hawks.

"This was a good confidence builder," Blackhawks coach Luke Richardson said.

It was the fifth win in six games for the surging Hawks, who entered tied with the Columbus Blue Jackets for fewest points in the league.

"We're just connected right now, playing some pretty good hockey together," Hawks All-Star defenseman Seth Jones said. "We're all on the same page when it comes to how we have to play at the moment and everyone's buying in. So it's been good."

The Flyers lost for just the third time in 11 games.

"Across the board, we looked flat," Flyers coach John Tortorella said. "I don't think we played with enough energy. You could tell from the start, it's one of those games. I didn't like much of it at all."

The Flyers had on their regular jerseys and all players skated during warmups for this one. The organization made headlines Tuesday when defenseman Ivan Provorov chose not to warm up in a Pride-themed jersey on a night in which the Flyers recognized the LGBTQ community.

Provorov, a Russian Orthodox, cited his religious beliefs for his stance and Tortorella defended him before Thursday's game.

"Provy did nothing wrong," Tortorella said. "Just because you don't agree with his decision doesn't mean he did anything wrong."

Morgan Frost scored for the Flyers.

The Blackhawks went up with the only two goals of the second period.

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good position to draft Bedard, who would fast-forward the rebuild, help fill the United Center regularly and draw national attention to a franchise that has fallen on hard times since being a golden team in the 2010s.

Getting the No. 1 pick would be the best thing to happen to the Hawks since they selected Kane with the first pick of the 2007 draft. Bedard could make the Hawks relevant again, just as Kane and Toews did at the start of their careers.

It looked for a while as if the Hawks were a shoo-in for finishing with the worst record in the NHL. They went 3-17-4 over a 24-game stretch, proving their bona fides as a prime Bedard contender. All was going perfectly until goalie Alex Stalok shut out the Arizona Coyotes on Jan. 6.

No problem. Don't get 'em next time, boys.

But that was followed by a 4-3 win over the Calgary Flames two days later on Max Domi's overtime goal and a 3-2 win over the struggling Colorado Avalanche on Jan. 12. The Hawks suddenly were on a roll, and nothing could stop them from going in the wrong direction.

Then the Hawks woke up and went back to sleep, allowing five goals on five shots in 3 minutes, 41 seconds in the first period of a Saturday loss to the Seattle Kraken. The Kraken scored six times on their first seven shots, which is almost impossible.

That's how to look like you're tanking. Even a late rally couldn't save the Hawks in an 8-5 loss.

"Chicago sports fans are incredible, but the Blackhawks fans are above and beyond — and they're showing us support through thick and thin," Toews said afterward. "We've got to give them something more than that."

Toews, of course, has to say things like that. He's the team captain and, like Kane, a player who is averse to losing at any cost.

In reality, the Hawks need to give their fans that kind of performance more often to help them avoid losses like that in 2024-25 and beyond, when the rebuild hopefully will have turned a corner. But with momentum clearly back on the other side, the Hawks slid backward — which in this case meant going forward — turning back the Buffalo Sabres 4-3 on Tuesday night on Seth Jones's overtime goal.

It was the finale of an eight-game homestand that sent the message the team has not completely given up. Now, with five of six games on the road starting Thursday, the Hawks have a chance to get back on the wrong track.

Team Canada's Connor Bedard celebrates a win in the gold-medal game of the IIHF World Junior Championship. **MINAS PANAGIOTAKIS/GETTY**

The All-Star break comes next, and the March 3 trade deadline will show if the front office is serious about getting Bedard. Toews, Kane and Domi probably will see their names dangled in trade talks, and if the Hawks are going to go full-tank down the stretch, one or two of them likely will have to go.

When training camp began, Davidson was honest about his view of the rebuild but also said "you don't get into this industry if you don't want to win every night."

That means no tanking allowed.

"But from my perspective in the more macro view of things, we are having a more long-term view of this at times, and given the current trajectory of the franchise we are thinking long term in many respects," he continued. "But that doesn't change the fact that when you walk into the rink, you walk into the United Center, you want the Blackhawks to win."

Makes sense. No one likes to pay money to watch a team lose. But we're far enough into the season to know that winning won't help the Hawks. The recent winning stretch hasn't changed any perceptions of the team.

And while losing won't guarantee they'll get the No. 1 pick, it surely would increase the odds. And if it pays off with Bedard, everyone wins in the end.

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Toronto	45	27	11	7	61	152	121
Tampa Bay	43	29	13	1	59	157	124
Florida	46	21	20	5	47	152	158
Buffalo	43	21	19	3	45	163	150
Detroit	43	18	17	8	44	134	149
Ottawa	44	20	21	3	43	131	143
Montreal	45	19	23	3	41	120	163
METRO.	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Carolina	44	27	9	8	62	141	120
New Jersey	44	29	12	3	61	156	116
N.Y. Rangers	45	25	13	7	57	144	120
Washington	47	24	17	6	54	150	133
Pittsburgh	44	22	15	7	51	143	135
N.Y. Islanders	46	23	19	4	50	137	128
Philadelphia	45	19	19	7	45	127	145
Columbus	44	13	29	2	28	111	172

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Winnipeg	45	29	15	1	59	149	118
Dallas	46	26	13	7	59	159	124
Minnesota	43	25	14	4	54	138	120
Colorado	43	23	17	3	49	135	122
Nashville	44	21	17	6	48	122	128
St. Louis	45	22	20	3	47	141	160
Arizona	44	14	25	5	33	119	161
Chicago	42	12	26	4	28	98	157
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Vegas	45	28	15	2	58	147	130
Seattle	44	26	14	4	56	161	139
Los Angeles	46	25	15	6	56	154	157
Edmonton	46	25	18	3	53	169	152
Calgary	46	21	16	9	51	144	140
Vancouver	44	18	23	3	39	152	178
San Jose	46	14	23	9	37	142	175
Anaheim	45	12	28	5	29	105	190

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Anaheim at Columbus, 6p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 6p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 6p.m.
Florida at Montreal, 6p.m.
Minnesota at Carolina, 6p.m.
Winnipeg at Toronto, 6p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 6:30p.m.
Nashville at St. Louis, 7p.m.
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 8p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 8p.m.
Detroit at Vegas, 9p.m.
New Jersey at Seattle, 9p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 6p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 9p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Anaheim at Buffalo, 11:30 a.m.
Tampa Bay at Calgary, 2 p.m.
Minnesota at Florida, 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Winnipeg at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
Arizona at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Washington at Vegas, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Boston, 6 p.m.
Winnipeg at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Vegas at Arizona, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Ottawa 5, Pittsburgh 4, OT
Boston 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
Colorado 4, Calgary 1
Tampa Bay 5, Vancouver 2
San Jose 5, Dallas 3

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MEN'S SINGLES, SECOND ROUND
Jenson Brooksby d. #2Casper Ruud, 6-3, 7-5, 6-7(4), 6-2.
#4Novak Djokovic d. Enzo Couacaud, 6-1, 6-7(5), 6-2, 6-0.
#5Andrey Rublev d. Emil Ruusuvuori, 6-2, 6-4, 6-7(2), 6-3.
Alexei Popyrin, d. #8Taylor Fritz, 6-7(4), 7-6(2), 6-4, 6-7(6), 6-2.
#9Holger Rune d. Maxime Cressy, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.
Michael Mmoh d. #12Alexander Zverev, 6-7(1), 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.
Benjamin Bonzi d. #14Pablo Carreno Busta, 4-6, 4-6, 7-6(5), 6-1, 7-6(4).

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52%	Win % 2nd serve	56%
195	Fastest serve (km/h)	210
174	1st Serve avg. (km/h)	187
142	2nd serve avg (km/h)	153
67	Winners	79
3	Return winners	5
46	Unforced errors	46
3-18	Break points won	4-21
23-33	Net points won	39-52
52-176	Receiving points won	64/187
175	Total points won	188

#22 Alex de Minaur d. Adrian Mannarino, 7-6(3), 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Jeffrey John Wolf d. #23 Diego Schwartzman, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.
#24Roberto Bautista Agut d. Brandon Holt, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.
#25Daniel Evans d. Jeremy Chardy, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1.
#27 Grigor Dimitrov d. Laslo Djere, 6-3, 6-2, 6-0.
Tommy Paul d. #30 Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, 6-2, 2-6, 6-7(4), 6-3, 6-4.
Ben Shelton d. Nicolas Jarry, 7-6(3), 7-6(3), 7-5.
Ugo Humbert d. Denis Kudla, 6-2, 6-7(5), 6-2, 6-4.
Andy Murray d. Thanasi Kokkinakis, 4-6, 6-7(4), 7-6(5), 6-3, 7-5.

EARLY FRIDAY, THIRD ROUND
#3Stefanos Tsitsipas vs. Tallon Griekspoor, late
#6Felix Auger-Aliassime vs. #26Francisco Cerundolo, late
#11Cameron Norrie vs. Jiri Lehecka, late
#13Yoshihito Nishioka vs. Mackenzie McDonald, late
#15Jannik Sinner d. Marton Fucsovics, 4-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-0.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, SECOND ROUND
Marketa Vondrousova d. #2Ons Jabeur, 6-1, 5-7, 6-1.
#4 Caroline Garcia d. Leylah Annie Fernandez, 7-6(5), 7-5.
#5Aryna Sabalenka d. Shelby Rogers, 6-3, 6-1.
Katie Volynets d. #9 Veronika Kudermetova, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.
#12 Belinda Bencic d. Claire Liu, 7-6(3), 6-3.
Magda Linette d. #16Anett Kontaveit, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Donna Vekic d. #18 Liudmila Samsonova, 6-3, 6-0.
#19 Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Taylor Townsend, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.
#23 Zhang Shuai d. Petra Martic, 6-3, 6-3.
#26Elise Mertens d. Lauren Davis, 6-4, 6-3.
Laura Siegemund d. #27 Irina-Camelia Begu, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3.
#30 Karolina Pliskova d. Yulia Putintseva, 6-0, 7-5.
Camila Giorgi d. Anna-Karolina Schmiedlova, 6-4, 6-3.
Linda Fruhvirtova d. Kimberly Birrell, 6-3, 6-2.
Nuria Parrizas Diaz d. Anastasia Potapova, 6-3, 6-2.
Varvara Gracheva d. Lucrezia Stefanini, 6-3, 6-1.

EARLY FRIDAY, THIRD ROUND
#1 iga Swiatek vs. Cristina Bucsa, late
#3 Jessica Pegula vs. Marta Kostyuk, late
#7Coco Gauff vs. Bernarda Pera, late
#13Danielle Collins vs. #22Elena Rybakina, late
#17Jelena Ostapenko vs. Kateryna Baindl, late
#20 Barbora Krejcikova d. Anhelina Kalinina, 6-2, 6-3.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	33	12	.733	—
Philadelphia	28	16	.636	4½
Brooklyn	27	16	.628	5
New York	25	21	.543	8½
Toronto	20	25	.444	13
SOUTHEAST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Miami	25	21	.543	—
Atlanta	23	22	.511	1½
Washington	19	26	.422	5½
Orlando	16	28	.364	8
Charlotte	12	34	.261	13
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Milwaukee	29	16	.644	—
Cleveland	28	18	.609	1½
Indiana	23	23	.500	6½
Chicago	21	24	.467	8
Detroit	12	36	.250	18½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	31	13	.705	—
New Orleans	26	19	.578	5½
Dallas	24	22	.522	8
San Antonio	14	31	.311	17½
Houston	10	35	.222	21½
NORTHWEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Denver	32	13	.711	—
Utah	24	24	.500	9½
Oklahoma City	22	23	.489	10
Minnesota	22	24	.478	10½
Portland	21	23	.477	10½
PACIFIC	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Sacramento	25	18	.581	—
Golden State	22	22	.500	3½
L.A. Clippers	23	24	.489	4
Phoenix	21	24	.467	5
L.A. Lakers	20	25	.444	6

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Chicago 126, Detroit 108
Golden State at Boston, late
Toronto at Minnesota, late
Brooklyn at Phoenix, late
Philadelphia at Portland, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES
New Orleans at Orlando, 6p.m.
Golden State at Cleveland, 6:30p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 6:30p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 7p.m.
Brooklyn at Utah, 8p.m.
Indiana at Denver, 8p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 9p.m.
Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 9p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Boston at Toronto, 4p.m.
Orlando at Washington, 6p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 6:30p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 7p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 8p.m.
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 9p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 1:30p.m.
New Orleans at Miami, 2:30p.m.
New York at Toronto, 5p.m.
Memphis at Phoenix, 7p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 7p.m.
Brooklyn at Golden State, 7:30p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 8p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 116, New York 105
Atlanta 130, Dallas 122
Miami 124, New Orleans 98
Memphis 115, Cleveland 114
Oklahoma City 126, Indiana 106
Charlotte 122, Houston 117
Utah 126, L.A. Clippers 103
Denver 122, Minnesota 118
Sacramento 116, L.A. Lakers 111

ALL STAR GAME FAN VOTING

Game: Feb. 19 at Vivint Arena, Salt Lake City. Fans account for 50% of the vote to decide All-Star starters. NBA players and a media panel account for 25% each.source: nba.com/communications

EAST CONFERENCE FRONTCOURT		
1. Giannis Antetokounmpo	Mil	5,970,196
2. Kevin Durant	Brk	5,838,182
3. Jayson Tatum	Bos	4,521,414
4. Joel Embiid	Phi	4,318,035
5. Jimmy Butler	Mia	954,799
6. Pascal Siakam	Tor	745,112
7. Kyle Kuzma	Was	510,426
8. Paolo Banchero	Orl	501,316
9. Julius Randle	NY	372,093
10. Nic Claxton	Brk	371,090

EAST CONFERENCE BACKCOURT		
1. Kyrie Irving	Brk	3,968,041
2. Donovan Mitchell	Cle	3,851,233
3. Jaylen Brown	Bos	2,097,700
4. James Harden	Phi	1,991,721
5. Trae Young	Atl	1,479,336
6. DeMar DeRozan	Chi	1,130,944
7. LaMelo Ball	Char	607,544
8. Tyrese Haliburton	Ind	578,752
9. Derrick Rose	NY	384,557
10. Darius Garland	Cle	318,782

WEST CONFERENCE FRONTCOURT		
1. LeBron James	LAL	6,506,682
2. Nikola Jokic	Den	4,718,218
3. Anthony Davis	LAL	3,838,171
4. Zion Williamson	NO	3,750,732
5. Andrew Wiggins	GS	2,158,855
6. Paul George	LAC	1,612,347
7. Lauri Markkanen	Utah	1,348,243
8. Draymond Green	GS	981,695
9. Kevon Looney	GS	692,095
10. Domastas Sabonis	Sac	686,291

WEST CONFERENCE BACKCOURT		
1. Stephen Curry	GS	5,151,822
2. Luka Doncic	Dal	4,905,655
3. Ja Morant	Mem	1,921,276
4. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander	OKC	1,843,460
5. Klay Thompson	GS	1,222,843
6. Russell Westbrook	LAL	971,226
7. Damian Lillard	Por	668,169
8. Austin Reaves	LAL	392,546
9. Devin Booker	Phx	388,308
10. De'Aaron Fox	SAC	382,173

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Friday: All two-way contracts are guaranteed for the remainder of the season
Feb. 9: NBA Trade Deadline (3 p.m.)

ODDS

NBA			FRIDAY
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**O/U**	**UNDERDOG**
New Orleans	2½	(225)	at Orlando
at Cleveland	off	(off)	Golden State
at Dallas	Pk	(216)	Miami
at Atlanta	3	(232½)	New York
LA Clippers	6½	(232½)	at San Antonio
at Utah	off	(229)	Brooklyn
at Denver	11	(241½)	Indiana
at Sacramento	off	(off)	Okla. City
Memphis	6½	(242)	at LA Lakers

NFL PLAYOFFS			SATURDAY
FAVORITE	**NOW**	**O/U**	**UNDERDOG**
at Kansas City	8½	(52½)	Jacksonville
at Philadelphia	7½	(48½)	NY Giants
			SUNDAY
at Buffalo	5½	(48½)	Cincinnati
at San Francisco	3½	(46½)	Dallas

NHL			FRIDAY
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**	**LINE**
at Pittsburgh	-160	Ottawa	+132
Colorado	-156	at Vancouver	+130

SUPER BOWL LVII CHAMPION

Kansas City	+310	Buffalo	+335
San Francisco	+385	Philadelphia	+525
Cincinnati	+825	Dallas	+1000
Jacksonville	+2800	N.Y. Giants	+2800

SUPER BOWL LVII EXACT MATCHUP

San Francisco	vs	Buffalo	+600
San Francisco	vs	Kansas City	+500
San Francisco	vs	Cincinnati	+1000
San Francisco	vs	Jacksonville	+3500
Dallas	vs	Buffalo	+1100
Dallas	vs	Kansas City	+1000
Dallas	vs	Cincinnati	+1800
Dallas	vs	Jacksonville	+6500
Philadelphia	vs	Buffalo	+600
Philadelphia	vs	Kansas City	+500
Philadelphia	vs	Cincinnati	+1000
Philadelphia	vs	Jacksonville	+3500
N.Y. Giants	vs	Buffalo	+3300
N.Y. Giants	vs	Kansas City	+3000
N.Y. Giants	vs	Cincinnati	+5000
N.Y.k Giants	vs	Jacksonville	+18500

source: betus.lv

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

No. 1 Houston (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Sunday.
No. 2 Kansas (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 TCU, Saturday.
No. 3 Purdue (18-1) beat Minnesota 61-39. Next: vs. Maryland, Sunday.
No. 4 Alabama (16-2) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Saturday.
No. 5 UCLA (16-2) at Arizona St. Next: at No. 11 Arizona, Saturday.
No. 6 Gonzaga (16-4) lost to Loyola Marymount 68-67. Next: at Pacific, Saturday.
No. 7 Texas (15-3) did ot play. Next: at West Virginia, Saturday.
No. 8 Xavier (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Saturday.
No. 9 Tennessee (15-3) did not play. Next: at LSU, Saturday.
No. 10 Virginia (14-3) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Saturday.
No. 11 Arizona (15-3) vs. Southern Cal. Next: vs. No. 5 UCLA, Saturday.
No. 12 Iowa St. (14-3) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma St. Saturday.
No. 13 Kansas St. (16-2) did not play Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.
No. 14 TCU (14-4) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Kansas, Saturday.
No. 15 UConn (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Butler, Sunday.
No. 16 Auburn (15-3) did not play. Next: at South Carolina, Saturday.
No. 17 Miami (15-3) did not play. Next: at Duke, Saturday.
No. 18 Charleston (20-1) beat Monmouth 69-55. Next: at Northeastern, Saturday.
No. 19 Clemson (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Saturday.
No. 20 Marquette (15-5) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Saturday.
No. 21 Baylor (13-5) beat did not play. Next: at. Oklahoma, Saturday.
No. 22 Providence (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Saturday.
No. 23 Rutgers (13-6) lost to Michigan State 70-57. Next: vs. Penn St. Tuesday.
No. 24 Florida Atlantic (18-1) beat UTSA 83-64. Next: at UTEP, Saturday.
No. 25 Arkansas (12-6) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi, Saturday.

THURSDAY'S SCORES

EAST
Albertus Magnus 73, Conn. Coll. 70, OT
Anna Maria 76, Norwich 69
Binghamton 65, Albany (NY) 54
Bryant 87, NJIT 75
Coll. Charleston 69, Monmouth (NJ) 55
Dean 77, Colby Sawyer 59
Delaware 80, William & Mary 53
Drexel 79, Hampton 73
Emmanuel 78, Lasell 67
Hofstra 70, UNC-Wilmington 46
Johnson & Wales (RI) 86, Elms 56
Maryland 64, Michigan 58
Northeastern 79, Stony Brook 66
St. Joseph (Conn.) 86, Regis College 49
Vermont 66, Maine 45

SOUTH
Coastal Carolina 93, App. St. 84, OT
Fla Gulf Coast 55, Jacksonville St. 51
Liberty 66, Jacksonville 52
La-Monroe 72, Georgia Southern 59
Memphis 88, Wichita St. 78
Mercer 69, VMI 61
Middle Tennessee 62, Charlotte 58
N. Kentucky 57, Cleveland St. 56
North Florida 95, Queens (NC) 90
Old Dominion 70, Georgia St. 58
Towson 79, NC A&T 67
UNC-Greensboro 70, The Citadel 60

MIDWEST
Ashland 83, Findlay 64
Davenport 90, Michigan Tech 77
Fort Wayne 88, Wright St. 80
Grand Valley St. 82, N. Michigan 77
Michigan St. 70, Rutgers 57
Oakland 83, IUPUI 77, OT
Purdue 61, Minnesota 39

WEST
Biola 61, Hawaii Hilo 54

MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

through Wednesday's games

TOTAL REBOUNDS		RB	RPG
Joel Soriano	St. John's (NY)	229	12.1
Zach Edey	Purdue	228	13.4
Oscar Tshiebwe	Kentucky	221	13.8
Micah Handlogten	Marshall	216	11.4
Aziz Bandaogo	Utah Valley	212	10.6

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

No. 1 South Carolina (19-0) beat Vanderbilt 96-48. Next: vs. Arkansas, Sunday.
No. 2 Ohio State (19-0) beat Northwestern 84-54. Next: vs. No. 10 Iowa, Monday.
No. 3 LSU (19-0) beat Arkansas 79-76. Next: at Alabama, Monday.
No. 4 Stanford (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Utah, Friday.
No. 5 UConn (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Butler, Saturday.
No. 6 Indiana (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Michigan, Monday.
No. 7 Notre Dame (15-2) beat Clemson 57-54. Next: vs. Virginia, Sunday.
No. 8 Utah (15-1) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Stanford, Friday.
No. 9 UCLA (15-3) did not play. Next: at Washington, Friday.
No. 10 Iowa (15-4) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Ohio St., Monday.
No. 11 Maryland (15-4) beat Wisconsin 77-64. Next: at Nebraska, Sunday.
No. 12 Virginia Tech (15-3) beat Pittsburgh 69-62. Next: vs Wake Forest, Sunday.
No. 13 Duke (16-2) lost to No. 17 North Carolina 61-56. Next: vs. Syracuse, Sunday.
No. 14 Michigan (16-3) beat Rutgers 81-58. Next: vs. No. 6 Indiana, Monday.
No. 15 Oklahoma (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma St., Saturday.
No. 16 Gonzaga (18-2) beat Pacific 81-78. Next: at. Saint Mary's (Cal), Saturday.
No. 17 North Carolina (13-5) beat No. 13 Duke 61-56. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Sunday.
No. 18 Iowa State (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas, Saturday.
No. 19 Arizona (14-4) did not play. Next: at Arizona St., Sunday.
No. 20 NC State (14-5) beat Miami 71-61. Next: at Louisville, Sunday.
No. 21 Illinois (15-4) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Sunday.
No. 22 Villanova (17-3) did not play. Next: at Creighton, Friday.
No. 23 Oregon (13-5) did not play. Next: at Oregon St., Friday.
No. 24 Colorado (14-3) (12-4) did not play. Next: at California, Friday.
No. 25 Texas (13-6) did not play. Next:

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Arsenal	18	15	2	1	42	14	47
Man City	19	13	3	3	50	20	42
Man United	19	12	3	4	30	22	39
Newcastle	19	10	8	1	33	11	38
Tottenham	20	10	3	7	39	31	33
Fulham	20	9	4	7	32	29	31
Brighton	18	9	3	6	35	25	30
Brentford	19	7	8	4	32	28	29
Liverpool	18	8	4	6	34	25	28
Chelsea	19	8	4	7	22	21	28
Aston Villa	19	7	4	8	22	27	25
Crystal Palace	19	6	5	8	18	27	23
Notting. Forest	19	5	5	9	15	34	20
Leeds	18	4	5	9	26	33	17
Leicester	19	5	2	12	26	33	17
Wolverhampton	19	4	5	10	12	27	17
Bournemouth	19	4	4	11	18	41	16
West Ham	19	4	3	12	15	25	15
Everton	19	3	6	10	15	26	15
Southampton	19	4	3	12	17	34	15

THURSDAY'S RESULT
Man City 4, Tottenham 2

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Liverpool vs. Chelsea, 6:30a.m.
Bournemouth vs. Notting. Forest, 9 a.m.
Leicester vs. Brighton, 9a.m.
Southampton vs. Aston Villa, 9a.m.
West Ham vs. Everton, 9a.m.
Crystal Palace vs. Newcastle, 11:30a.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Leeds vs. Brentford, 8a.m.
Man City vs. Wolverhampton, 8a.m.
Arsenal vs. Man United, 10:30a.m.

MONDAY'S MATCH
Fulham vs. Tottenham, 2p.m.

NFL PLAYOFFS

DIVISIONAL ROUND

SATURDAY' GAMES
Jacksonville (10-8) at Kansas City (14-3), 3:30 p.m. (NBC)
N.Y. Giants (10-7-1) at Philadelphia (14-3), 7:15 p.m. (FOX)

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Cincinnati (13-4) at Buffalo (14-3), 2 p.m. (CBS)
Dallas (13-5) at San Francisco (14-4), 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUNDAY, JAN. 29
x-AFC winners, 2:05 p.m. x-Kansas City vs. Buffalo would be played in Atlanta
NFC winners, 5:30p.m. (FOX)

SUPER BOWL LVII

Sunday, Feb. 12, State Farm Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.
Conference final winners, 5:30p.m.

TEAM STATISTICS

PLAYOFFS

OFFENSE	TOTAL	PASS	RUSH	PTS
San Francisco	505	324	181	41
N.Y. Giants	431	289	142	31
Dallas	425	297	128	31
Buffao	423	316	107	34
Jacksonville	390	273	117	31
Cincinnati	234	183	51	24

DEFENSE	TOTAL	PASS	RUSH	PTS
Buffalo	231	189	42	31
Jacksonville	320	253	67	30
N.Y. Giants	332	271	61	24
San Francisco	332	228	104	23
Cincinnati	364	209	155	17
Dallas	386	334	52	14

TAKEAWAYS/GIVEEAWAY		TAKE			GIVE		
TEAM	TM	I	F	T	I	F	T
San Francisco	+2	1	1	2	0	0	0
Cincinnati	+1	1	1	2	0	1	1
Dallas	+1	1	0	1	0	0	0
NY Giants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	-1	2	0	2	2	1	3
Jacksonville	-5	0	0	0	4	1	5

REGULAR SEASON

OFFENSE	TOTAL	PASS	RUSH	PTS
Kansas City	413.6	297.8	115.9	29.2
Buffalo	397.6	258.1	139.5	28.4
Philadelphia	389.1	241.5	147.6	28.1
San Francisco	365.6	226.8	138.8	26.5
Cincinnati	360.5	265.0	95.5	26.1
Jacksonville	357.4	232.9	124.5	23.8
Dallas	354.9	219.8	135.2	27.5
N.Y. Giants	333.9	185.7	148.2	21.5

DEFENSE	TOTAL	PASS	RUSH	PTS
San Francisco	300.6	222.9	77.7	16.3
Philadelphia	301.5	179.8	121.6	20.2
Buffalo	319.1	214.6	104.6	17.9
Kansas City	328.2	220.9	107.	21.7
Dallas	330.2	200.9	129.3	20.1
Cincinnati	335.7	229.1	106.6	20.1
Jacksonville	353.3	238.5	114.8	20.6
N.Y. Giants	358.2	214.0	144.2	21.8

	TAKE			GIVE			
TO MARGIN	I	F	T	I	F	T	TO
San Francisco	20	10	30	9	8	17	+13
Dallas	16	17	33	18	5	23	+10
Philadelphia	17	10	27	9	10	19	+8
Cincinnati	13	11	24	12	6	18	+6
Jacksonville	14	13	27	9	13	22	+5
N.Y. Giants	6	13	19	6	10	16	+3
Buffalo	17	10	27	14	13	27	0
Kansas City	11	9	20	12	11	23	-3

I-interceptions; F-fumbles; T-total takeaways/giveways; TO-turnover margin

GOLF

THE AMERICAN EXPRESS

1st of 4 rounds, La Quinta, Calif.,a-PGA WEST TPC Stadium Course (Host Course), 7,187 yards; Par 72; b-PGA WEST Nicklaus Tournament Course 7,147 yards; Par 72; c-La Quinta Country Club, 7,060 yards; Par 72

Davis Thompson	28c-34c—62	-10
Sam Burns	29a-35a—64	-8
Tyler Duncan	33b-31b—64	-8
Taylor Montgomery	32c-32c—64	-8
Jon Rahm	31c-33c—64	-8
Matthias Schmid	32a-32a—64	-8
Michael Block	33b-32b—65	-7
Dean Burmester	34b-31b—65	-7
Eric Cole	32b-33b—65	-7
Harrison Endycott	34a-31a—65	-7
Sungjae Im	32b-33b—65	-7
Denny McCarthy	32c-33c—65	-7
J.T. Poston	35b-30b—65	-7
Xander Schauffele	33c-32c—65	-7
Erik Van Rooyen	33a-32a—65	-7
Joseph Bramlett	33b-33b—66	-6
Tano Goya	34a-32a—66	-6
Russell Knox	33a-33a—66	-6
Keith Mitchell	33a-33a—66	-6
Scott Piercy	31c-35c—66	-6
Justin Rose	31c-35c—66	-6
Matthias Schwab	31a-35a—66	-6
Robby Shelton	33a-33a—66	-6
Greyson Sigg	33b-33b—66	-6
Sahith Theegala	32c-34c—66	-6
Trevor Werbylo	34b-32b—66	-6
Byeong Hun An	35b-32b—67	-5
Ryan Brehm	32b-35b—67	-5
Wesley Bryan	33b-34b—67	-5
Stewart Cink	31c-36c—67	-5
Jason Day	33b-34b—67	-5
Garrick Higgo	33a-34a—67	-5
Charley Hoffman	32c-35c—67	-5
Mark Hubbard	32b-35b—67	-5
Zach Johnson	34a-33a—67	-5
Michael Kim	36a-31a—67	-5
Danny Lee	32a-35a—67	-5
Seung-Yul Noh	33b-34b—67	-5
Alex Smalley	32a-35a—67	-5
Kevin Tway	32b-35b—67	-5
Carson Young	32b-35b—67	-5
Anders Albertson	35a-33a—68	-4
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	34a-34a—68	-4
Patrick Cantlay	34c-34c—68	-4
Austin Cook	35b-33b—68	-4
MJ Daffue	34c-34c—68	-4
Harris English	33a-35a—68	-4
Rickie Fowler	33c-35c—68	-4
Will Gordon	34c-34c—68	-4
Adam Hadwin	32c-36c—68	-4
Beau Hossler	32c-36c—68	-4
Stephan Jaeger	34a-34a—68	-4
Andrew Landry	32c-36c—68	-4
Peter Malnati	36b-32b—68	-4
Taylor Moore	35c-33c—68	-4
Patrick Rodgers	32c-36c—68	-4
Scottie Scheffler	34c-34c—68	-4
Brendan Steele	32c-36c—68	-4
Ben Taylor	33a-35a—68	-4
Brendon Todd	33b-35b—68	-4
Jimmy Walker	36b-32b—68	-4
Richy Werenski	32b-36b—68	-4
Cameron Young	32b-36b—68	-4

LPGA HILTON GRAND VACATIONS TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

1st of 4 rounds, Lake Nona G&GG,Orlando, Fla., 6,608 yards; Par: 72

Brooke Henderson	33-34—67	-5
Nelly Korda	35-33—68	-4
Ashleigh Buhai	35-34—69	-3
Gemma Dryburgh	36-33—69	-3
Wei-Ling Hsu	31-38—69	-3
Charley Hull	35-34—69	-3
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	36-34—70	-2
Yuka Saso	33-37—70	-2
Pajaree Anannarukarn	38-33—71	-1
Celine Boutier	34-37—71	-1
Ayaka Furue	38-33—71	-1
Nasa Hataoka	35-36—71	-1
Danielle Kang	33-38—71	-1
Leona Maguire	36-35—71	-1
Anna Nordqvist	34-37—71	-1
Lizette Salas	35-36—71	-1
Maja Stark	36-35—71	-1
Matilda Castren	37-35—72	E
Nanna Koerstz Madsen	37-35—72	E
Ryann O'Toole	35-37—72	E
Patty Tavatanakit	35-37—72	E
Jennifer Kupcho	36-37—73	+1
Gaby Lopez	36-37—73	+1
Moriya Jutanugarn	38-36—74	+2
Andrea Lee	38-36—74	+2
Paula Reto	39-35—74	+2
Marina Alex	36-39—75	+3
Ally Ewing	38-41—79	+7
Ariya Jutanugarn	42-42—84	+12

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Suspended 1st of 4 rounds at The Yas Links Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE, 7,425 yards, Par: 72

LEADERBOARD AT SUSPENSION

Luke Donald	32-32—64	-8
Guido Migliozzi	32-33—65	-7
Jason Scrivener	32-33—65	-7
Seamus Power	31-35—66	-6
Eduardo Molinar	35-32—67	-5
Francesco Molinari	34-33—67	-5
Masahiro Kawamura	32-35—67	-5
Shane Lowry	32-35—67	-5
Shubhankar Sharma	32-35—67	-5
Sami Valimaki	33-34—67	-5
Sebastian Soderberg	33-34—67	-5

LIV Golf CEO Greg Norman said Thursday in a statement that LIV's new TV and streaming deal with The CW marked "a momentous day" for the Saudi-funded league. **AP FILE**

GOLF

LIV lands deal with The CW

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Saudi-funded LIV Golf has a television partner five weeks before the start of its second season, announcing Thursday it has an agreement with The CW to air tournaments on the weekend and stream the first rounds on The CW's app.

A U.S. television deal was seen as critical for the rival league, which last year was available only through streaming on its website and on YouTube.

The next season of LIV Golf League, with an emphasis on the 12 four-man teams it hopes to create as franchises, starts Feb. 24-26 on the Gulf coast of Mexico at Mayakoba, which hosted a fall PGA Tour event.

"This is a momentous day for LIV Golf as this partnership is about more than just media rights," LIV CEO and Commissioner Greg Norman said in a statement. "The CW will provide accessibility for our fans and maximum exposure for our athletes and partners as their reach includes more than 120 million households across the United States."

LIV Golf didn't disclose details of the partnership, but several media outlets have reported that The CW will not pay for media rights to LIV Golf in the traditional sense, nor would it buy time on the network. Instead, the proposed agreement would be to share advertising revenue.

LIV also said it would be producing the coverage with its own team.

The CW is the fifth-largest U.S. network and of those five has the second-youngest audience based on media age.

The network dates to 2006 and was named after its founding co-owners (CBS and Warner Bros.). Nexstar Media Group acquired 75% of the network in October, with Paramount Global and Warner Bros. Discovery maintaining minority ownership.

NBC (and Golf Channel) and CBS have a nine-year rights deal with the PGA Tour, while ESPN won the right for its digital rights under the new contract, along with having weekday coverage of the Masters and PGA Championship.

Of the leading four networks, Fox doesn't have golf. It had the USGA contract until an arrangement to sell that to NBC.

The CW is best known for syndicated programming, and hasn't had sports programming.

Norman touted a "full broadcast deal" for a league that only began in June and now enters the debut season of its emphasis on team competition.

Money, however, doesn't appear to be an issue with LIV Golf, which has spent some $1 billion in signing major champions such as Dustin Johnson, Phil Mickelson, Bryson DeChambeau, Brooks Koepka and Sergio Garcia.

LIV Golf is the lead plaintiff in an antitrust lawsuit against the PGA Tour. According to arguments in a hearing last week in California, the Public Investment Fund of Saudi Arabia owns 93% of LIV Golf.

The league plans a 14-event schedule this year, though only eight stops have been announced. Still be to be determined is how many additional PGA Tour or European tour players join the lead. LIV also awaits an answer from the Official World Golf Ranking whether it will be included with other tours around the world.

IN BRIEF

Northwestern-Iowa game rescheduled

News services

The Northwestern-Iowa men's basketball game has been rescheduled for Jan. 31 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, the schools announced Thursday.

The game originally was to be played Wednesday in Iowa City but was postponed because of COVID-19 health and safety protocols within the Northwestern program.

All distributed tickets for the game will be valid for the new date.

Northwestern is scheduled to play host to Wisconsin on Saturday, while Iowa plays at Ohio State.

Baseball: Seven-time All-Star reliever Aroldis Chapman, 34, agreed to terms on a one-year, $3.75 million contract with the Royals, according to reports.

Golf: Davis Thompson shot an opening-round 10-under 62 to take a two-stroke lead over five players at The American Express in La Qunita, Calif. ... Canada's shot an opening-round 5-under 67 to take a one-stroke lead over Nelly Korda at the LPGA Tour's season-opening Tournament of Champions in Orlando, Fla.

NFL: The Vikings fired defensive coordinator Ed Donatell after one season. ... The Dolphins fired defensive coordinator Josh Boyer after three seasons. ... Ravens offensive coordinator Greg Roman resigned after four seasons.

NHL: Steven Stamkos scored his 500th career goal and then added two more for a hat trick in the Lightning's 5-2 road victory over the Canucks on Wednesday. Stamkos, 32, is the 47th player to reach the milestone and the 19th to accomplish the feat before playing in 1,000 games.

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Bucs oust Leftwich, 5 other assistants

Byron Leftwich is out as offensive coordinator of the Buccaneers, who are shaking up their coaching staff after finishing with the only losing record Tom Brady has had in more than two decades as a NFL starter. Leftwich, 43, was fired Thursday, three days after the Bucs were eliminated from the playoffs and just two years removed from helping Brady win a record seventh Super Bowl in the QB's first season with the Bucs. Head coach Todd Bowles also announced Chris Boniol (specialists), Kevin Garver (receivers), Jeff Kastl (offensive quality control), Lori Locust (assistant defensive line) and Todd McNair (running backs) will not return. In addition, QBs coach Clyde Christensen, senior offensive assistant Rick Christophel and outside linebackers coach Bob Sanders retired. The Bucs went 8-9 during the regular season, but still repeated as NFC South champs. The Bucs had the league's second-ranked passing attack at 269.8 yards, but finished 32nd in rushing (76.9) and 25th in scoring (18.4 points per game) after averaging more than 30 points the previous two years.

Murray wins another epic 5-setter

The times on the clock shifted from p.m. to a.m., the day from Thursday to Friday, and Andy Murray never wavered, never relented, no matter that he faced a two-set hole at the Australian Open, no matter that he's 35 and possesses an artificial hip, no matter that this was the longest and latest-finishing match of his career. His explanation was simple: "I have a big heart." The three-time major champ and 26-year-old Aussie Thanasi Kokkinakis stared down exhaustion and each other for 5 hours, 45 minutes of compelling theater in a second-round contest at Melbourne Park until Murray emerged with a 4-6, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (5), 6-3, 7-5 victory that ended a little after 4 a.m. "The match was obviously very up and down. There was frustration ... tension. There was excitement," Murray said after his 11th career comeback after dropping two sets, the most among active players. "I mean, look, it is obviously amazing to win the match," he continued with a chuckle, "but I also want to go to bed now." This was Murray's second consecutive five-setter: He eliminated No. 13 seed Matteo Berrettini on Tuesday.

Ronaldo, Messi face off in friendly

Grimacing in pain from his bruised cheekbone, Cristiano Ronaldo steadied himself before scoring from the penalty spot for his first goal in Saudi Arabia against a Paris Saint-Germain team featuring his old foe Lionel Messi. Messi had already scored early in Thursday's friendly when Ronaldo was flattened by PSG goalkeeper Keylor Navas' forearm after about 30 minutes in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Both went down. Ronaldo, above, held his head, got back up, and sent his former Real Madrid teammate Navas the wrong way. By the end of the first half Ronaldo's cheekbone was bright-apple red but he was all smiles after netting his second goal, smashing in a rebound when his header came back off the post. Messi's Qatari-backed PSG won 5-4 against a combined XI of Saudi Arabian teams Al Nassr and Al Hilal, captained by Al Nassr's new signing Ronaldo, in front of 68,000 fans at King Fahd International Stadium. Although his team lost, Ronaldo edged perhaps the final instalment of Ronaldo vs. Messi as one of the greatest rivalries in soccer resumed in an unusual location. *—AP*

NFL PLAYOFFS

Rivalry set for latest renewal

Cowboys, 49ers ready to add to already-rich postseason history

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press

Hall of Famer Emmitt Smith makes his way through the 49ers defense during the Cowboy's 38-21 NFC championship win on Jan. 23, 1994. **AP FILE**

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — For Kyle Shanahan, the chance to coach the 49ers against the Cowboys in a playoff game is a throwback to when that rivalry was the biggest in football.

Shanahan's formative years were spent watching his father, Mike, as 49ers offensive coordinator battling the Cowboys in three straight NFC title games.

After the rivalry went dormant for more than a quarter-century as the proud franchises rarely enjoyed success at the same time, it's having a rebirth with the 49ers set to take on the Cowboys for the second straight postseason when they meet Sunday in the divisional round.

"That's how rivalries happen," Shanahan said Wednesday. "You guys knew it from the '80s when it started out. I remember so much from my childhood from sixth grade to ninth grade, because I was here '92 to '94, so it was the biggest rivalry in football to me growing up. Then usually that goes away when you don't meet in the playoffs a bunch and we had a big game last year, we have a big game this year, so the more you do that, the bigger it gets again."

This will be the ninth time these franchises have met in the postseason, tied for the most of any matchup in the Super Bowl era with the 49ers against the Packers and Cowboys against the Rams.

But with six of the previous matchups coming in the conference title game, few rivalries have had as many big games or star players such as Roger Staubach, Joe Montana, Jerry Rice, Emmitt Smith, Deion Sanders, Steve Young, Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin.

The 49ers-Cowboys playoff history is a rich one from back-to-back conference title games in the early 1970s, the iconic "Catch" in the 1981 season and then the heated rivalry in the 1990s when the Cowboys won the first two meetings on the way to Super Bowl titles and then the 49ers took the third game.

"None of us were around for that," 49ers fullback Kyle Juszczyk said. "So the rivalry is really what we've done recently."

The series took a long playoff break before resuming in the wild-card round last year when the 49ers held off the Cowboys 23-17. The game ended with Dak Prescott scrambling to the 49ers 24 in the closing seconds.

The Cowboys scrambled to get to the line and waited for the officials to set the ball. Prescott then spiked the ball in hopes of getting one more play but the clock ran out.

Here's a look at some of the history of the playoff rivalry.

America's team

The teams squared off in the first three years after the merger with the Cowboys beating the 49ers for the NFC title game in 1970 and '71 and again the next year to help launch their status as "America's Team."

In the first meeting at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco, the Cowboys used 143 yards rushing and a TD from Duane Thomas and two picks of John Brodie to win 17-10.

The Cowboys defense dominated again the next year with three more interceptions of Brodie in a 14-3 win that led the franchise to its first Super Bowl title.

The next meeting in the divisional round at Candlestick Park helped Staubach earn the moniker of "Captain Comeback."

Staubach entered the game in the fourth quarter with the Cowboys down 28-13 and led the team on three scoring drives. He threw a 20-yard TD pass to Billy Parks with 1:20 left to cut the deficit to 28-23.

After a successful onside kick, the Cowboys won the game on a 10-yard TD pass from Staubach to Ron Sellers with 52 seconds left.

The Catch

The 49ers fell off after that three-year run, but got their revenge with a late-game comeback of their own to launch a dynasty in the 1981 NFC championship game.

The 49ers took over at their 11 with 4:54 to play trailing 27-21 when Montana took over. He picked apart the Cowboys' "Doomsday Defense" with a quintessential West Coast offense drive.

Then the 49ers faced a third-and-4 at the Cowboys 6 with less than a minute to play when Bill Walsh called "Sprint Right Option." Montana rolled right and couldn't find an open receiver immediately. Then with Ed "Too Tall" Jones and the Cowboys defense closing in, Montana launched a high pass that seemed headed out of the end zone.

But Dwight Clark leaped over Everson Walls in the back of the end zone and came down with "The Catch" to give the 49ers a 28-27 lead.

The win was sealed when Danny White lost a fumble and the 49ers won their first of five Super Bowl titles in a 14-year span two weeks later.

"Start of a dynasty," former 49ers president Carmen Policy said.

"I don't let myself go down the road of what would have happened if he doesn't make that catch."

How 'bout them Cowboys

While the 49ers dynasty was launched with that win, it was the start of the Cowboys' demise under coach Tom Landry.

The Cowboys bottomed out with a one-win season in Jimmy Johnson and Aikman's first year in 1989 before beginning a steady rise.

That helped lead to the Cowboys making it to the 1992 NFC title game in San Francisco against a stacked 49ers team led by Young and Rice.

But the young Cowboys didn't flinch, getting two TDs from Smith to build a 24-20 lead and then Aikman helped seal it with a 70-yard pass to Alvin Harper to set up another TD.

The rematch the next season wasn't nearly as tight with the Cowboys building a 28-7 halftime lead on the way to a 38-21 win after Johnson guaranteed victory earlier in the week. Johnson punctuated both wins with his "How 'bout them Cowboys!" proclamation in the victorious locker room.

AP writer Schuyler Dixon contributed to this report.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Brooksby upsets No. 2 Ruud, joins surprise US surge

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Oh-so-close to completing a straight-set upset of No. 2 seed Casper Ruud at the Australian Open, Jenson Brooksby frittered away three match points, sat down at a changeover and began yelling at himself.

"How?! How?! God!!"

His face was flush, his emotions unhidden, his game unraveling. Soon enough, that set slipped away, as Ruud's confidence seemed to surge and Brooksby's collapse momentarily continued. And then, in a blink, Brooksby was back in charge, taking command immediately in the fourth set along the way to a 6-3, 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-2 victory over Ruud and a spot in a surprisingly American-filled third round at Melbourne Park.

"I was getting a little more frustrated out there that I didn't close it out, and my mentality was changing a little bit," said the 39th-ranked Brooksby, who sipped from little jars of pickle juice in the fourth set at Rod Laver Arena. "Those are the situations you have to handle sometimes in matches, and you're going to face. I think the biggest question is: How do you respond? I just told myself to reset."

So leave it to a pair of 20-something Californians to rid the men's bracket of its two highest seeded players: Brooksby, 22, delivered his unexpected triumph at the same stage and in the same stadium that Mackenzie McDonald, 27, defeated No. 1 seed and defending champion Rafael Nadal a day earlier. That makes this the first Grand Slam tournament since the 2002 Australian Open that the Nos. 1-2 seeds lost before the end of the second round — and the first time since the 1994 French Open that a pair of Americans took out the top two men's seeds at any Grand Slam tournament.

Nadal owns a men's-record 22 Grand Slam titles. Ruud was the runner-up at the French Open to Nadal last June and at the U.S. Open to Carlos Alcaraz last September.

Like Ruud, Ons Jabeur reached the finals of two Grand Slam tournaments in 2002. Like Ruud, she came to Australia as the No. 2 seed. And like Ruud, she was bounced in the second round, beaten 6-1, 5-7, 6-1 by 2019 French Open runner-up Marketa Vondrousova in a match that ended at about 1 a.m. on Friday.

The exits of Nadal and Ruud make nine-time champion Novak Djokovic — who dealt with a persistent heckler and a left hamstring that he says worries him during a four-set victory over 191st-ranked qualifier Enzo Couacaud on Thursday night — even more of a title favorite in his return to Australia after being deported a year ago because he was not vaccinated against COVID-19.

Also a big deal: The progress of U.S. men through the year's first major championship. None has won a Grand Slam title since Andy Roddick at the 2003 U.S. Open.

By reaching the third round, Brooksby joined countrymen Michael Mmoh, Ben Shelton, Tommy Paul and J.J. Wolf, who also won Thursday, along with McDonald, No. 16 Frances Tiafoe and No. 29 Sebastian Korda, who all won Wednesday. The highest-seeded American man, though, couldn't make it that far: No. 8 Taylor Fritz bowed out with a 6-7 (4), 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-7 (6), 6-2 loss to 113th-ranked Australian wild-card entry Alexei Popyrin.

Still, the eight men from the United States remaining are the most into the third round in Australia since the same number did it in 1996.

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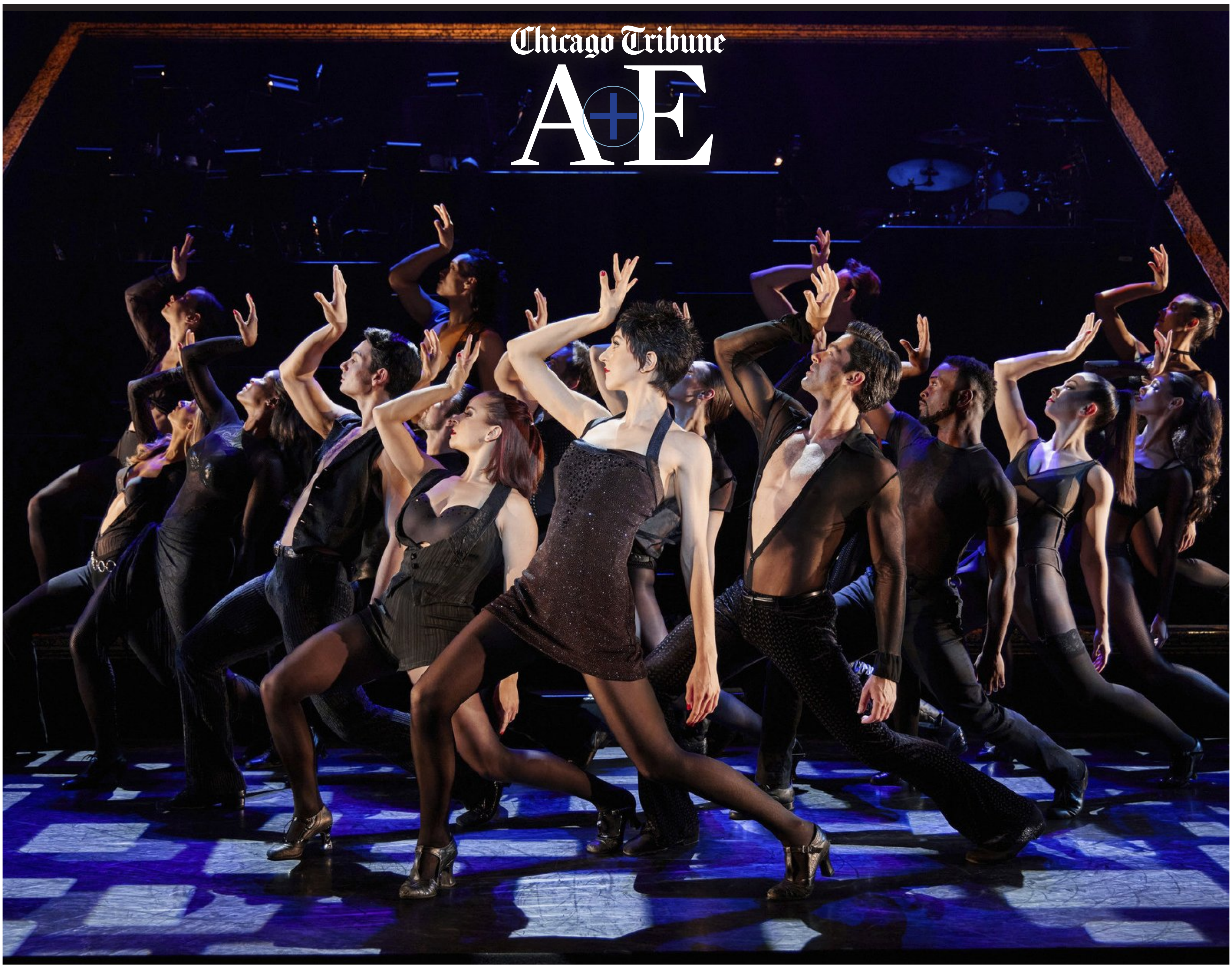

Logan Floyd, as Velma Kelly, and company of the musical "Chicago," in the Loop at CIBC Theatre. **JEREMY DANIEL PHOTOS**

REVIEW 'CHICAGO' ★★★

A worthy night out

By Chris Jones
Chicago Tribune

Billing a show as "the 25th anniversary tour" implies something special: a salute to the tradition, an homage to the stars of the past, some extra razzle-dazzle.

In reality, though, the tour of the musical "Chicago" current found at the CIBC Theatre is a nonunion show, a distinction that doesn't just imply less compensation for the artist (though it almost always does), but means that no one in the cast has meaningful Broadway credits or, indeed, any kind of history with one of the most successful musicals of all time.

You're mostly buying early career performers, and without any clear disclosure from the seller. There's an argument to be made that such arrangements mean musicals can visit smaller cities for one or two nights. Fine. But union rules mean these shows aren't allowed on Broadway and it long has been my position that the theaters of downtown Chicago, which share ownership with New York, should be no different. Especially with this particular title. A local signature, you might say, born of a pen of a crime reporter from this very newspaper. A place where

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Katie Frieden, as Roxie Hart, and company of the musical "Chicago," in the Loop at CIBC Theatre.

Checking in on the state of the rom-com

Nina Metz

Romantic comedies have been in a slump for the last decade-plus, but a small batch featuring recognizable stars are set to premiere over the next few weeks. This seems as good a time as any to take a state-of-the-union look at the genre.

Next week, "Shotgun Wedding" starring Jennifer Lopez and Josh Duhamel premieres on Amazon. It's an action rom-com about a couple's destination wedding in the Dominican Republic that turns chaotic when they and their guests are taken hostage.

February 10 is something of a mini-bonanza with "Your Place or Mine" on Netflix (Reese Witherspoon and Ashton Kutcher as longtime, long-distance friends who realize they might be in love) and "Somebody I Used to Know" on Amazon (Alison Brie and "Insecure" alum Jay Ellis as exes who still have a spark even though he's engaged to someone else).

I haven't seen any of these films yet but they all feature rom-com veterans, which is a promising start. I'm hoping for the best, even if it seems like most of Hollywood has lost enthusiasm for the genre.

Scott Meslow is the author of "From Hollywood with Love: The Rise and Fall (and Rise Again) of the Romantic Comedy" and he said, "If you look at the types of rom-coms that were studios' bread and butter in the early 2000s — like 'How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days' or 'The 40-Year-Old Virgin' — that's more of a Netflix thing or a Hulu thing at the moment."

As with any movie that bypasses a theatrical release for streaming, it's hard to gauge whether newer titles have the kind of cultural penetration of movies of old.

"Because streaming is what it is, there's a lot of spaghetti thrown against the wall," Meslow said. Two big rom-coms for Hulu include "Happiest Season" starring Kristen Stewart and Mackenzie Davis, and "Palm Springs" starring Andy Samberg and Cristin Milioti. Both films came out in 2020.

Netflix's "Always Be My Maybe," starring Ali Wong and Randall Park, came out a year earlier in 2019 and it was *good* — spiky and funny and warm all at once — and yet it's not a movie you hear people reference much. By contrast, Meslow thinks the "To All the Boys I've Loved Before" teen rom-com franchise, also on Netflix, has a good chance of becoming a cultural touchstone in the same way "Sixteen Candles" or "Can't Hardly Wait" were for generations who came of age in the '80s and '90s.

But it's been a while since we've seen a rom-com with the staying power of something like

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Reese Witherspoon and Ashton Kutcher in the upcoming Netflix rom-com "Your Place or Mine." **NETFLIX**

CELEBRITIES

Tatum planning to remake ‘Ghost’

From news services

Channing Tatum has said his production company owns the rights to the 1990 film “Ghost.” **JOEL C RYAN/INVISION 2022**

Channing Tatum’s production company owns the rights to “Ghost” and is planning to remake the 1990 romantic drama.

“We actually have the rights,” the actor, producer and director let slip in a recent Vanity Fair interview. He was being interviewed while throwing clay.

Tatum, 42, added that he could potentially play the late Patrick Swayze’s role in the supernatural thriller, which was written by Bruce Joel Rubin and directed by Jerry Zucker.

Swayze, who died in 2009, played New York investment banker Sam Wheat, who is killed and returns as a ghost to solve his murder. In his afterlife, he tries to more fully express his love for his girlfriend, played by Demi Moore, through a reluctant medium, played by Whoopi Goldberg in an Oscar-winning turn.

According to Vanity Fair, Tatum’s production company, Free Association, is trying to put together the remake and will make changes to move away from some problematic stereotypes associated with the original film.

BAFTA award nominations revealed: The visceral German-language war drama “All Quiet on the Western Front” got a leading 14 nominations Thursday for the British Academy Film Awards, known as the BAFTAs. “The Banshees of Inisherin” and “Everything Everywhere All at Once” each earned 10 nods.

“All Quiet,” an unflinching adaptation of the classic novel about life and death in the World War I trenches, was a surprise front-runner, up for awards including best picture and best director for Edward Berger.

Nominations for Martin McDonagh’s Irish tragicomedy “Banshees” include best picture, best director and best actor for Colin Farrell. Nods for madcap metaverse adventure “Everything Everywhere” include best picture, best director for Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert, and best actress for Michelle Yeoh.

Baz Lurhmann’s musical biopic “Elvis” is up for nine awards, including best picture. The other best picture nominee is Todd Field’s symphonic psychodrama “Tar.”

The BAFTAs are Britain’s equivalent of the Oscars. The winners will be announced Feb. 19.

Chrisleys begin prison sentences: Reality TV stars Todd and Julie Chrisley reported to prison Tuesday. The husband and wife, who are best known for USA Network’s reality series “Chrisley Knows Best,” were convicted for tax evasion and bank fraud in June.

Todd Chrisley is serving 12 years, with 16 months on probation, and reported to Florida’s Federal Prison Camp Pensacola. His wife is serving seven years, with 16 months on probation, and reported to Kentucky’s Federal Medical Center.

Vega named ‘60 Minutes’ correspondent: Cecilia Vega, most recently ABC’s chief White House correspondent, is joining the CBS TV newsmagazine “60 Minutes.” Vega will start in the spring as a correspondent. Bill Owens, executive producer of “60 Minutes,” called Vega a “sensational reporter and storyteller” in the Thursday announcement. Vega said in the statement that the appointment was a “dream come true.”

Jan. 20 birthdays: Director David Lynch is 77. Musician Paul Stanley is 71. Comedian Bill Maher is 67. Actor Lorenzo Lamas is 65. Actor James Denton is 60. Singer John Michael Montgomery is 58. Actor Rainn Wilson is 57. Actor Stacey Dash is 56. Musician Questlove is 52. Singer Kevin Parker is 37. Actor Evan Peters is 36.

ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Teen runaway faces mom’s silence at home

Dear Amy: A few weeks ago, I ran away from home because I couldn’t get my way. I wasn’t gone the whole day.

When I came back, my mom felt disrespected because of what I had done. Since then, she hasn’t talked to me because I never apologized. She thinks that I should have apologized after the situation happened.

I understand this, and when I look back on what I did it was really dumb, but I wouldn’t say I like talking about it. I really don’t want to continue our relationship as a family if there is no communication. Amy, will you please tell me what you think?

— *Troubled Teen*

Dear Teen: I want to point out that you and your mom have actually communicated. After you came home, she communicated that she felt disrespected and that she wanted an apology. You say that you understand this, and yet it sounds as if you haven’t apologized.

Your mother should not be freezing you out. She is supposed to be mature and forgiving. She’s supposed to know what to do and how to act. And yet parents are people. They get their feelings hurt and don’t always know what to do.

I think you should write to her. Explain how you were feeling when you chose to leave home, and how sad you feel now. Use the phrase, “I know this must have been scary for you, but I wasn’t thinking about that at the time, and I hope you can forgive me so we can get back to being a closer family.”

I hope you will connect with your school counselor, who might be able to help further.

Dear Amy: My co-worker “Hank” and I work in different departments. Occasionally he travels to my area to communicate with my colleagues. He would then strike up a conversation with me.

Everyone noticed his flirting and the chemistry between us. After a few months, I worked up enough courage to ask for his phone number. He happily obliged, and we texted for about two weeks.

All of a sudden, Hank hit me with, “I have a girlfriend, so I don’t want to give the wrong impression.” I was so thrown off, I deleted his number and blocked him.

He’s totally different now. He’s not talking to me much, he’s very short with me in passing, but he seems to have taken a liking to my co-worker, who sits directly next to me. They have conversations like he and I did, and she’s told me she is starting to like him.

I’ve told her to “go for it,” but in reality, I just want to die when she talks about it.

I hate how jealous he makes me when he talks to her, and I hate how I still like the guy, but I don’t have many options except to just sit there and take the abuse. I usually leave when he comes around, but it’s almost like he makes it his business to talk sweetly to her right in front of me knowing that he just rejected me weeks ago.

It’s like he’s trying to torture me. Or maybe I’m overthinking it and need a new job? What should I do?

— *Dying at Work*

Dear Dying: First of all, you’ve done nothing wrong. You were assertive and authentic when you followed through on “Hank’s” flirtation. He then let you down by offering what I would call a “soft pass,” using the reason (true or not) that he has a girlfriend.

And just as you’ve done nothing wrong, he really hasn’t, either. His chill toward you might be because you’ve blocked his number.

Hank may be the office flirt, moving through the cubicle farm like a summer wind, gathering phone numbers as he goes.

But the way for you to behave now is to rise above it, to be natural and charming, to excel at your work and to not let this episode change you in the slightest.

Do not change jobs, unless you are unable (through time) to wrangle your discomfort.

Dear Amy: Regarding questions about tipping for takeout orders, I would urge people to consider tipping in cash, instead of adding the suggested amounts on the payment console. The servers putting these orders together appreciate it.

— *Server*

Dear Server: Tipping is a hot topic in this space. Thank you for the recommendation.

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Metz

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1989’s “When Harry Met Sally.” Every time autumn rolls around and the weather turns chilly, I see someone post an aspirational image from the film of Billy Crystal in a cable knit sweater, curled up with a book. Memes are far from the only way to gauge pop cultural interest. But they are persistent and self-reinforcing. And newer rom-coms seem to lack that presence in the culture at large. “Part of the problem,” Meslow said, “is we’re measuring so much in billion-dollar worldwide grosses and I think the loss of base hits is a huge mistake.”

Another problem: Marketing.

I wrote about this not long ago: Despite Clooney’s and Roberts’ names above the title, there was an entire swath of potential moviegoers who were surprised to learn, two weeks after “Ticket to Paradise” opened in theaters, that the film even existed.

Until fairly recently, we learned about new films through a combination of TV, print and radio ads, plus coming attractions in theaters themselves. Even if you weren’t paying much attention, you absorbed an awareness through that pop culture osmosis. But that kind of monoculture doesn’t exist anymore.

For many, streaming has replaced primetime TV, Spotify has replaced the radio and social media has us split off into our own private algorithms. Which is why promotion for certain TV shows or movies might never cross your screen.

Rom-coms started trickling back into theaters last year. There were big stars attached, if not much in the way of memorable filmmaking: Sandra Bullock and Channing Tatum in “The Lost City,” Jennifer Lopez and Owen Wilson in “Marry Me,” Julia Roberts and George Clooney in “Ticket to Paradise.”

Sidebar: Are common-phrases-as-titles still serving these types of movies?

Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal in “When Harry Met Sally.” **MGM**

My addled brain needs something more specific if I have any chance of retaining it. But it really does feel like you could insert any idiom — “You Win Some, You Lose Some,” “A Blessing in Disguise,” “It’s Not Rocket Science” — and audiences will think: Yep, that’s a rom-com. I guess that’s a marketing hook of its own.

But why are all the leads middle-aged?

“They are previous rom-com stars,” said Meslow, “and that’s what’s fascinating to me: They are returning to the genre after leaving it dormant for a long time. Particularly Sandra Bullock, who had really disavowed romantic comedies and had been fairly forceful that she didn’t like being associated with the genre and didn’t want to make more. She hadn’t done one since ‘The Proposal.’ There’s an audience nostalgia there. The studios are hedging their bets and that’s what you’re seeing in the bigger Hollywood-stye rom-coms: A star that’s already had success and a premise that isn’t purely rom-com. ‘Lost City’ is an action movie as much as it is a rom-com. ‘Marry Me’ is a JLo concert film as much as it is a rom-com.”

Margaret Cho, from left, Tomás Matos, Bowen Yang, Joel Kim Booster and Matt Rogers in “Fire Island.” **JEONG PARK/SEARCHLIGHT PICTURES**

I wasn’t a fan of either. I’ve been revisiting movies from the ’80s and ’90s recently and I’m struck by how much better they hang together — how much better Hollywood was at making enjoyable genre fare, from rom-coms to action comedies to sports dramas.

Watching newer movies I keep thinking: Hollywood still knows how to assemble the parts, but it’s like everyone forgot how to *make* these movies and the end result is a weird facsimile that *should* work — but doesn’t. Everyone’s out of practice. The pacing’s all wrong. It’s revealing to watch “The Lost City” and its inspiration, 1984’s “Romancing the Stone,” back-to-back. There’s a jumbled sensibility to “The Lost City.” The characters don’t feel like believable *people*. The movie doesn’t feel like a story so much as a series of set pieces, none of them visually memorable.

Joel Kim Booster’s “Fire Island,” a gay riff on Jane Austen’s “Pride and Prejudice” that premiered over the summer on Hulu, is among the stronger rom-coms of recent vintage. “Bros” followed a couple months later and I thought it was cute, but it arrived on the fumes of an ill-conceived marketing campaign that emphasized the film’s “importance” as the first studio rom-com with a big theatrical release to feature two guys falling in love.

“I thought the marketing was all wrong,” Meslow said. “The grandiosity is maybe what not what people were looking for from what really is a fun and pleasant romantic comedy. Audiences don’t need to be told something like this is important — they would rather be told that it’s fun.”

Television has picked up the slack, with some success. But unlike TV, a movie is a complete thought. A story told with economy and structure, rather than milking it for as many seasons as possible. Romantic comedy *movies* are an art form all their own, worthy of some new entries that feel like they have legs. A friend recently made a great point about why these newer entries seem to struggle so much: Collectively, we cannot decide what’s sexy or romantic anymore.

I’m always going to be a sucker for “His Girl Friday”-style banter. I’m talking about dialogue that’s *actually* funny, not just mimicking the rhythms of comedy.

The stakes have to feel worthwhile — do we even *want* these two to end up together? — and the story has to be *interesting* (nothing, and I mean *nothing*, is interesting about the story “Marry Me” tells).

And you need actors who can pull it off. Chemistry either exists or it doesn’t.

But also: The two leads have to sort of delight in each other — a skill that’s been in short supply lately.

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Waterhouse brings Brit country rock to the Metro

By M.T. Richards
For Chicago Tribune

British model, actress and singer Suki Waterhouse performs at the Shaky Knees Music Festival on Oct. 23, 2021, in Atlanta. **RON HARRIS/AP**

The emerging queen of country rock is Suki Waterhouse, a graceful and mannerly Englishwoman with perfectly tousled blonde hair. Waterhouse's background, as one can probably deduce from the aforestated description, is anything but downscale. Raised in London, she was first a model, then an actress; in time she graduated to "It Brit" (that's how Vogue characterized her in 2017). Waterhouse's progression — from It Brit to grungy country-rock heroine — has been, shall we say, nonlinear, and not infrequently hasslesome.

"I was very nervous about potentially being laughed out of the room," Waterhouse says. "There's all this stereotyping and backlash, especially in England. They can be quite harsh on their homegrown talent."

One of Waterhouse's earliest singles, "Brutally," was written "from the depths of a world-ending heartbreak." The world repaid Waterhouse's candor with 8 million individual streams. Even this, however, failed to impress the invidious keepers of independent rock music. Says Waterhouse, "The consensus was really — it was actually quite difficult. It was quite difficult to get a label to sign someone who's not primarily a musician. They're not particularly interested in a model, or an actress, or something like that."

Waterhouse, who turned 31 at the top of the year, is forever in transition. She's forever learning as she goes. Take, for example, the West Coast leg of her North American tour, which is still ongoing. At every stop there were adjustments to be made, logistics obstacles to be surmounted. Waterhouse prefers it this way.

"It's great adjusting to these different-sized rooms each night," she says. "I just did the Constellation Room in Santa Ana, and the subs were, like, blaring; my drummer was pretty much levitating off the stage (laughs). But there's something about those smaller spaces, being a tight-knit unit with your band, bumping into guitars and so on. There's something to be said for capturing intimacy."

In a sense, Waterhouse shares a common history with her longterm boyfriend, the actor Robert Pattinson. The former "Twilight" divo has since matured into a lion of the big screen, enthralling Cannes jurors as he once did tweenyboppers. Waterhouse, like Pattinson, has worked hard to overcome the biases of a skeptical public. Only instead of heist dramas or superhero epics, Waterhouse makes honky-tonk love songs.

Released via Sub Pop in early May, "I Can't Let Go" is Waterhouse's full-length debut. The album is remarkable not least for its lack of affectation. Rare is the Brit who can pull off bluesy country-rock twang, but Waterhouse's voice is strong, buttery and, crucially, believable. She also has a near-clinical recall of the liaisons that have shaped her romantic life. Having said all that, "I Can't Let Go" wouldn't be nearly so powerful without the guidance of avuncular producer Brad Cook.

Cook and Waterhouse recorded "I Can't Let Go" in a hovel-like space in North Carolina. Their digs may have been modest, but Waterhouse had endured worse. Back when she was just an unproven starlet shopping her demo to wary labels, she would sometimes record in the kitchen, amid the racket of cookware.

Waterhouse describes Cook as legacy-conscious and nobly indifferent to record sales, although his clients — The War on Drugs, Bon Iver — not only move units but frequently overperform. And thanks to a zany video-sharing platform, Waterhouse's star is rising faster than it might otherwise. Not long after "I Can't Let Go" was released, the non-album track "Good Looking" became a fixture on TikTok. "Good Looking" is years old; it's a little goopy and puerile, compared with Waterhouse's more adultlike recent work. Waterhouse though is a good sport. Having learned long ago to roll with the punches, she wasn't terribly displeased with her newfangled TikTok celebrity.

"That was one of my first releases," Waterhouse says of "Good Looking." "We were debating whether or not to delete it because it's a bit jumbly and it doesn't make, like, cohesive sense (laughs). It's also in swing time — incredibly distorted. It never would have struck me as a song that would be big (on TikTok), but that's the amazing thing about the chaos of the internet."

To hear more of the younger, more "jumbly" Waterhouse, listeners should stream "Milk Teeth," her odds-and-ends EP from last fall. Some of the material thereon dates back to 2016, when Waterhouse started making music right under the noses of her oblivious fashion industry peers. Also included is "Neon Signs," an unusually rhythmic synth-rocker that captures Waterhouse as she sounds today. First she perfected the honky-tonk sound, now this? What can't Waterhouse do? You could say she's a model of versatility.

Suki Waterhouse with Blondshell, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Metro, 3730 N. Clark St.; tickets $27-$130 (sold out) at metrochicago.com

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REVIEW 'NO BEARS' ★★★★

From Iran, a master class in house-arrest filmmaking

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

A confrontation scene, set in a remote village along the Iranian-Turkish border, from the film "No Bears."
SIDESHOW AND JANUS FILMS

The facts are stark.

In 2010, discouraged at one of its native artist's insistence on pushing boundaries and making Iran look less than ideal on film, the Iranian government slapped writer-director Jafar Panahi with a 20-year ban on moviemaking. He was also confined to within Iran itself, with no travel beyond its borders.

Last July, after the completion of his fifth clandestine feature project in 12 years, Panahi was imprisoned just before Iran's civil unrest and mass protests boiled over, for a time. The director is to serve up to six years. "No Bears," that bracing fifth act of creative defiance, opens Friday at the Gene Siskel Film Center.

How does an artist with a camera keep going under those conditions? An ingenious, subtly anguished answer to that question, Panahi's film is both an act of self-assessment, with the filmmaker assuming the role of himself, and a crafty drama of suspense, identity and the perils of what we do for love.

In the first scene, we're in a Turkish city near the Iranian border. On a busy urban street full of vendors' cries and stray cats and dogs, tea shop server Zara (Mina Kavani) and her partner Bakhtiar (Bakhtiyar Panjeei) are arranging a life-altering plan to slip across the border with phony passports.

Then: "Cut!" This, we learn, is a movie being made, not life being lived. Remotely, from the Iranian border village where he has come to spend time under state lockdown, director Panahi observes the production in progress (and, at other times, the daily footage on a hard drive) on his laptop, as he struggles with wonky Wi-Fi and a feeling of profound dislocation.

Panahi has come from Tehran to this village to make his movie, or at least supervise from a distance. The amiable village citizen (Vahid Mobasheri) from whom he has rented a room agrees to film a ceremonial foot-washing on Panahi's behalf outside of town, part of an engagement celebration. Meantime, Panahi takes still photographs of his neighbors, and some of the townspeople, at one point — as we hear later — capturing the image of a young man and woman under a tree.

That woman, it turns out, is engaged to someone else. "No Bears" takes the notion of a dangerous witness with a lens to a fascinating and finally chilling conclusion. Panahi, never trusted by the locals, becomes their obvious scapegoat and prime adversary. The least he must do, the initially sympathetic town sheriff says, is take an oath in the hallowed traditional "Swear Room" that he did not photograph the couple — no evidence, no problem, at least for the man with the camera.

Yet nothing is simple or forgiving in this land. The movie shifts planes of reality with uncanny effectiveness; one minute, the film-within-a-film is developing legitimate narrative momentum, only to be shifted, radically, to the story of the actors playing those characters, who share their predicament.

Some of "No Bears," which takes its title from the local fib that bears roam the area, is unaccountably beautiful. As Panahi drives at night in his conspicuously swank SUV along dusty border roads, more than dust hangs in the air, which is thick with tension. Is he about to make a run across? Is the temptation too great? Or is the fear greater?

The accepted folkloric lie about the bears exemplifies a nation's fear, where it is all too easy, as the actor Bakhtiar says, to feel "trapped, with no future, no freedom and no job." Another character puts it this way: "Our fear empowers others." Those are sentiments, to be sure, that the Iranian censors and their overlords do not like. And while "No Bears" was completed before his current imprisonment, this is why Panahi is behind bars.

In "This is Not a Film," Panahi stayed close and mostly inside his apartment, and the intimacy of his essayistic documentary was rare indeed. That film allegedly was smuggled out of Iran inside a cake, before premiering at the 2011 Cannes Film Festival. "No Bears" is a far more expansive work, shot in two countries (!) with a clear sense of where it's going every minute — even when the fictional/factual iteration of Panahi, played by Panahi, arrives at one vexing, no-win crossroads after another.

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'Chicago'

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the line "God help Illinois" has a certain resonance.

I feel this so strongly, I almost didn't go. I've seen the tour more than a dozen times and watched Chita Rivera, Charlotte D'Amboise, Ute Lemper, Ben Vereen, the lesser known but fantastic Bianca Marroquin and, peppering the ragout of Mama Morton like no one else ever could, Marcia Lewis, may she rest in peace.

But duty called and I heard the siren of that Kander and Ebb score. On a gray January night in Chicago, is there actually any harm in rolling the dice on hearing such songs as "Nowadays" and "I Am My Own Best Friend?" What were you doing, sucker? Streaming something?

And, you know … I can recommend what goes on at the CIBC Theater.

If you understand going in that there is no celebrity Billy Flynn to pump up the irony, and no sad-eyed veteran hoofers to add to that show's signature Bob Fosse-esque blend of craft and cynicism, you will be just fine. Fosse-style choreography, as manifest through Ann Reinking, is a young person's game and this particular ensemble of dancers is superb.

Katie Frieden, who plays Roxie, takes a few numbers to find her way but it's authentic, honest work that moved me greatly by the time we ended up with the final number at the McVicar's Theater, showbiz having trumped justice once again. I wondered if Frieden and Logan Floyd, who makes for a very solid and determined Velma Kelly, knew that their final scene actually was taking place just a block away from where they were singing "You can like the life you're living, you can live the life you like," and that not that much about Chicago really has changed all that much since Maurine Dallas Watkins walked out of the new Tribune Tower and found that her fortune did not lie in journalism. Not that she ever was so deluded.

Funnily, I just reviewed an all-new production of "Chicago" at the Stratford Festival this past summer and greatly enjoyed its refreshing expansiveness after seeing the same production for so long.

But this outing was a reminder of the minimalist excellence of that Walter Bobbie revival, a stunning feat of the kind that Broadway delivers, well, about once every quarter of a century.

If you're a fan of the show (the set is the same and all the musicians are union; they don't dare mess with that), you'll be just fine with these most worthy and talented young dancers and singers. Good for them. Good for Tania Nardini and Gary Chryst, who have "re-created" this staging and choreography.

Good for "Chicago," and, aptly enough, all who serve to profit.

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Film community gathers again at Sundance

Over 100 movies to debut in fest's return after 2 virtual years

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

Randall Park made a pact with himself some years ago that he wouldn't attend the Sundance Film Festival if he didn't have a project there. But the "Fresh Off the Boat" star never imagined that his first time would be as a director and not as an actor.

His adaptation of "Shortcomings," Adrian Tomine's graphic novel about three Asian Americans finding themselves in the Bay Area, is among the films debuting in competition at the festival in Park City, Utah.

"Sundance is the pinnacle to me," Park said in a recent interview. "I still can't believe we're going."

Park is just one of hundreds of filmmakers looking to make a splash at the first in-person edition of the storied independent film festival in two years.

Festivalgoers will see some unexpected turns from stars, such as Jonathan Majors as an amateur bodybuilder in "Magazine Dreams," Emilia Clarke as a futuristic parent in "Pod Generation," Daisy Ridley as a cubicle worker in "Sometimes I Think About Dying" and Anne Hathaway as a glamorous counselor working at a youth prison in 1960s Massachusetts in "Eileen."

"Bridgerton" star Phoebe Dynevor also breaks out of her corset, leading the contemporary adult thriller "Fair Play" as an ambitious woman working at a high stakes hedge fund with a boyfriend played by Alden Ehrenreich. Sundance will be her first film festival, and she's especially excited that it's with one of the best scripts she's ever read.

"It's quite a polarizing one," Dynevor said. "I can't wait to see how everyone responds to it."

The slate of more than 100 films premiering around the clock over 10 days are as diverse as ever. There are three films about Iranian women ("The Persian Version," "Joonam" and "Shayda"), stories about transgender sex workers ("The Stroll" and "Kokomo City"), indigenous people ("Twice Colonoized" and "Bad Press"), women's rights and sexuality ("The Disappearance of Shere Hite") and the war in Ukraine ("20 Days in Mariupol"). And, as always, there are intimate portraits of famous faces, such as Michael J. Fox, Little Richard, Stephen Curry, Judy Blume, the Indigo Girls and Brooke Shields.

This year's Sundance Film Festival features a robust slate of diverse features and documentaries. **ARTHUR MOLA/INVISION 2020**

Lana Wilson directed the much-anticipated Shields documentary "Pretty Baby," in which Shields reflects on her experiences from child model to teen superstar and beyond, including her complex relationship with her mother and the time Tom Cruise publicly criticized her for taking antidepressants.

"I kept coming back to this idea of agency and of (Shields) slowly gaining agency first over her mind, then over her career and then over her identity," Wilson said.

If the past two years have proven anything, it's that Sundance doesn't need its picturesque mountainside location to thrive. After all, it was at a virtual edition that the festival hosted the premiere of "CODA," which would become the first Sundance movie to win best picture at the Oscars. "Summer of Soul," another virtual Sundance premiere, also won best documentary at last year's Oscars, and both are getting encore, in-person screenings this year.

But even so, the independent film community has felt the lack of the real thing. There is, after all, a certain magic about seeing a new film from an unknown in the dead of winter at 7,000 feet elevation wondering, as the lights go down in a cinema overflowing with puffy coats, if you might just be among the first to witness the debut of the next Ryan Coogler or Kelly Reichardt.

Erik Feig, the founder and CEO of Picturestart, joked that he has been going to the festival for "a billion years." It's where he saw "Thirteen" and hired Catherine Hardwicke to direct "Twilight," and, years later, "Whiplash," beginning a relationship with Damien Chazelle that would lead to "La La Land." Sundance also is where he saw "Napoleon Dynamite" and "Little Miss Sunshine" for the first time, too, and others that "feel iconic and have been part of the cultural zeitgeist forever. That moment of discovery was at Sundance."

This year, his company is coming armed with a new comedy that could very well enter that canon of Sundance discoveries: "Theater Camp," a heartfelt satire of the musical theater world set at a crumbling upstate New York summer camp. The film is a collaboration of longtime friends Molly Gordon, Nick Lieberman, Ben Platt and Noah Galvin.

"I felt so inspired by so many collectives of people that had come up together like Christopher Guest, the Groundlings, the Lonely Island, who made stuff with their friends," Gordon, who co-directed and stars, said. "We thought, let's make something about a world that we know really well and a world that we love. And because we love it, we can make a lot of fun of it."

Some films offer moody genre escapes, such as William Oldroyd's adaptation of author Ottessa Moshfegh's award-winning "Eileen" starring Thomasin McKenzie and Hathaway.

"It plays into the fantasy that I had as a young woman, like, can I run away and be a different person," Moshfegh said. "I still kind of have that, especially in cinema because we watch movies in order to run away and be different people."

Others promise to open minds about the lives of marginalized communities. Vuk Lungulov-Klotz, a transgender filmmaker of Chilean and Serbian descent, is hoping to push transmasculine narratives forward with his film "Mutt," about a transgender man who encounters three significant people he hasn't seen in some time one hectic day in New York City.

"It's really exciting to see people want to see stories about transmasculine people and also understand that they can see themselves reflected in us and that we're not very different," Lungulov-Klotz said.

Veteran indie filmmakers will be there with fresh offerings, too, such as Ira Sachs ("Passages") and Sebastian Silva ("Rotting in the Sun"). "Once" director John Carney has a new musical with Eve Hewson and Joseph Gordon-Levitt ("Flora and Son"), Nicole Holofcener reunites with Julia Louis-Dreyfus in "You Hurt My Feelings" and Susanna Fogel adapts the viral New Yorker story "Cat Person" with Emilia Jones and Nicholas Braun.

The festival is embracing a different kind of hybrid approach after the success of previous years. Starting Jan. 24, five days in, many of the films are set to be available to watch online for people who bought that now sold-out package.

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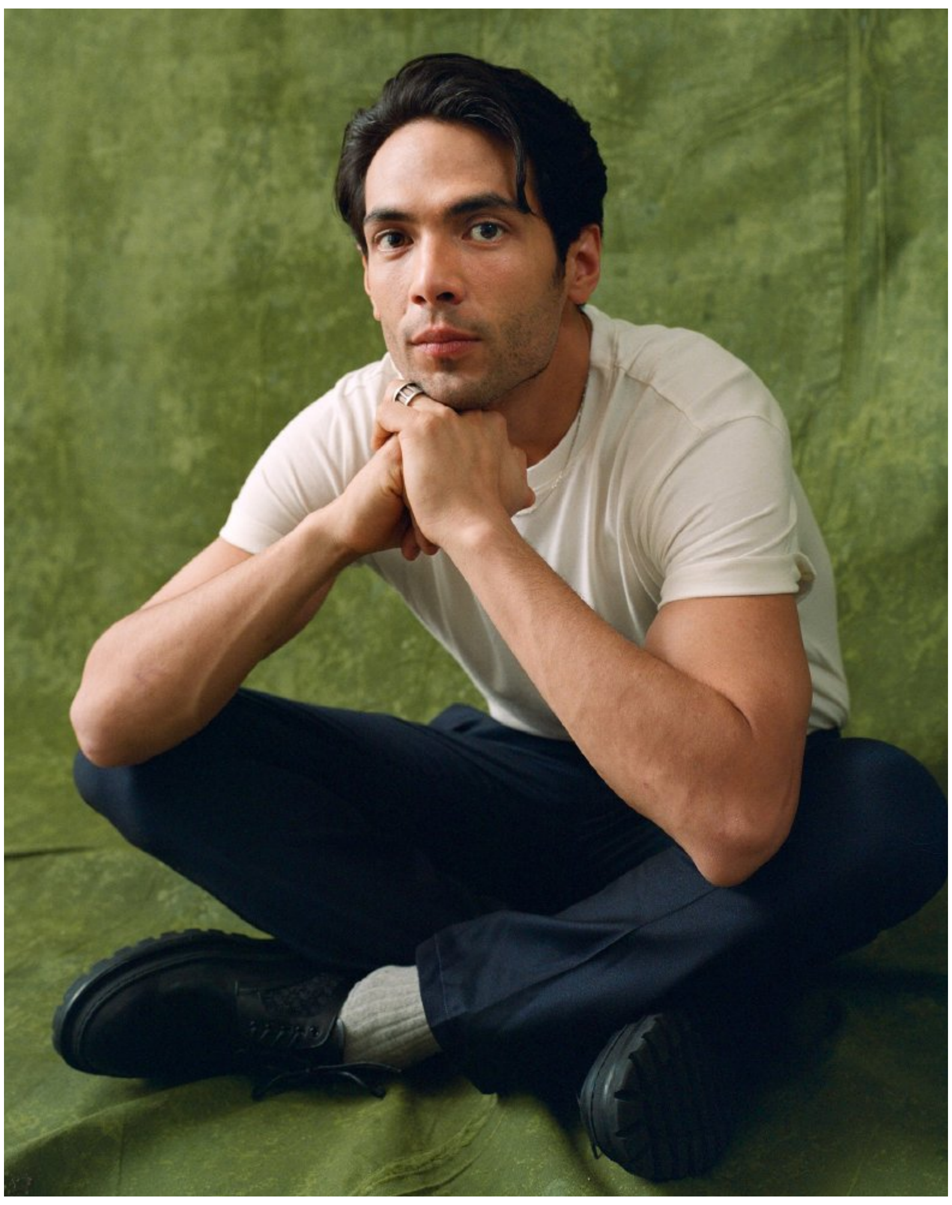
Calva takes detour to star in ‘Babylon’

Mexican actor had ambitions to become writer-director

By Carlos Aguilar
The New York Times



Diego Calva, seen Dec. 4, stars as Manny in “Babylon.” **CARLOS JARAMILLO/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

A VHS tape of “Peter and the Wolf,” the Disney animated short from 1946, played on repeat at home when Diego Calva was growing up in the 1990s.

Both terrified and tantalized by that first cinematic obsession as a child, Calva discovered the power of audiovisual storytelling in the unnerving leitmotif of the villainous wolf.

“Without being able to put in words, it made me realize that I was a little box of feelings and that movies could make them surface,” Calva explained, speaking in Spanish. “That hooked me.”

After only one major independent movie, the actor from Mexico City is starring alongside Brad Pitt and Margot Robbie in his first megabudget American production: director Damien Chazelle’s silent-era revel “Babylon,” about the grotesque origins of the Hollywood film industry and why movies fascinate us.

Calva, 30, received a Golden Globe nomination for best actor in a musical or comedy for his performance as the Mexican-born Manny Torres, who slowly moves up the ranks in 1920s Hollywood — from catchall production assistant to influential producer.

His character functions as the story’s driving force: as both the link between Pitt’s and Robbie’s characters — two successful, often deranged actors — and as the viewer’s guide to this decadent world. Calva gives Manny an adoring naivete about the movies, which fuels the character’s determination to become a part of them, even if his devotion eventually backfires.

While Calva worked hard to win the part, performing wasn’t his original dream. Calva had ambitions to become a writer-director, he explained in a recent interview.

From a young age, he surrounded himself with friends a few years older who were making short films. Calva helped out in miscellaneous positions behind the scenes of those independent shoots, whether it was catering or holding a boom mic.

On one such set, he was asked to step in for an actor who hadn’t shown up, which led to more jobs, mostly unpaid, in front of the camera. He eventually landed his first lead in a feature film, appearing in director Julio Hernandez Cordon’s 2015 gay drama “I Promise You Anarchy,” a festival hit.

The story follows two male skateboarders in a tumultuous romance as they become involved with criminals trafficking human blood on the black market.

“Within five minutes of meeting Diego, I knew he was the right person for the part because of his confidence and charisma,” Hernandez Cordon said.

That introduction to performing professionally, however, didn’t dazzle Calva enough to make him push his filmmaking aspirations aside.

He went on to enroll at the Centro de Capacitacion Cinematografica, one of Mexico’s preeminent film schools, to study directing. But to stay afloat financially, Calva took on acting work, which created a conflict with the institution’s policies.

Ultimately, he chose to leave the school and returned to acting full time, appearing on TV series and in supporting parts on the big screen, and putting on acting workshops for kids.

It was during this period that the opportunity to audition for the third season of the Netflix hit series “Narcos: Mexico” arrived. He aced it. And while playing real-life drug lord Arturo Beltran Leyva on the show introduced him to production on a larger scale, Calva couldn’t anticipate what would soon come his way.

As Chazelle searched in late 2019 for a fresh face to star in “Babylon,” he came across Calva’s image amid a stack of headshots. The Oscar-winning director was struck by the actor’s gaze.

“There was something of a dreamer in his eyes, something of a poet,” Chazelle said. “But I had no idea if he could act.”

The character he envisioned Calva for, Manny, is partly inspired by two Latin American filmmakers whose careers started to take off in the 1920s: Enrique Juan Vallejo, a Mexican cinematographer and director, and Rene Cardona, a prolific Cuban-born director.

Calva submitted several self-taped auditions and met with Chazelle online during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic. The more intrigued Chazelle became by Calva, the more it also became apparent that the actor had limited experience and that his English needed work.

Chazelle and Olivia Hamilton, his wife and a producer of the film, “debated whether it was a gamble worth taking with Diego,” Chazelle said. “She had this full 100% unwavering belief in him.”

Several months into the casting process, Calva began to feel overwhelmed by the life-changing magnitude of the opportunity, which seemed closer to materializing but not yet certain. Aside from executing Chazelle’s increasingly specific notes about his line delivery, improving his English became a priority.

In late 2020, Calva traveled to Los Angeles to meet with Chazelle and Robbie, who would play Nellie LaRoy, a fictional starlet and Manny’s love interest.

Using his cellphone, Chazelle filmed the chemistry read between Calva and Robbie in his backyard. Their palpable energy convinced him that Calva could deliver on his potential.

“He had this kind of Al Pacino-level ability to command the camera without seeming to do anything,” Chazelle said. In fact, Pacino’s arc from innocence to corruption as Michael Corleone in “The Godfather” films served as a key reference for Calva’s turn.

Robbie admired Calva’s ability to improvise in his second language.

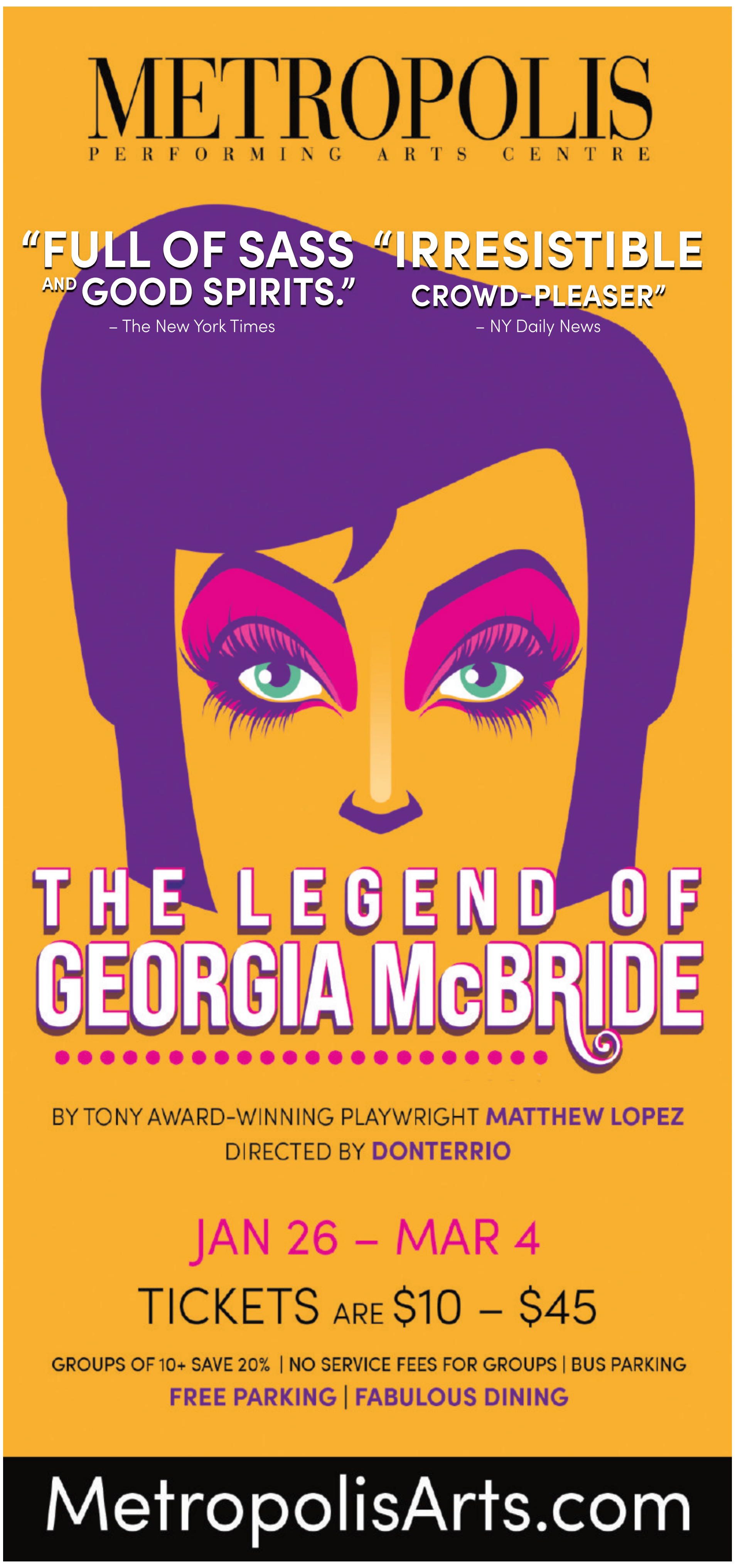
“It’s so transformative to act with him because he’s so present that you forget you’re doing a scene,” Robbie said. “He was the greatest scene partner I could ever wish for.”

As Manny rises in Hollywood, he loses perspective, even denying his Mexican identity and claiming to be from Spain. Calva, grounded in advice from his mother, said he believed that wouldn’t happen to him.

“I don’t want to lose my childlike outlook on life, my ability for wonder,” Calva said. “I want to remember the road back home and know that if I make mistakes, I won’t lose myself.”

For now, Calva plans to remain in Mexico City and build his burgeoning career, but whenever he’s wanted on this side of the border, the actor will joyfully oblige.

“They invited me to this party,” Calva said with a hint of mischievous glee. “Getting me out of Hollywood is going to be difficult.”



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Truth Be Told

Apple TV+ ■ **Season Premiere**

As this NAACP Image Award-winning drama returns for Season Three, Octavia Spencer returns as investigative-reporter-turned-true-crime-podcaster Poppy Scoville to take on a new case. Gabrielle Union joins the cast as an unorthodox principal who teams with Poppy to help keep the names of several young missing Black girls in the public eye while chasing down leads to a suspected sex-trafficking ring that may have ensnared them. Other returning cast members include Mekhi Phifer, David Lyons and Ron Cephas Jones. New episodes are available Fridays.

Represent

Netflix ■ **New Series**

Jean-Pascal Zadi co-created, directed and stars in this French comedy as Stephane Ble, an idealistic educator who is inadvertently thrust into France's presidential race.

Fire Country

CBS, 8 p.m.

A former inmate firefighter harboring a grudge against Sharon (Diane Farr) returns to carry out his revenge in the new episode "Mama Bear."

Kindred Spirits

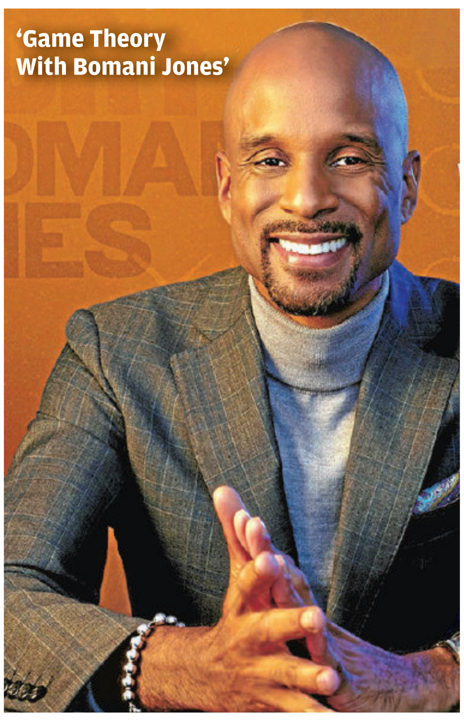
Travel Channel, 8 p.m. ■ **Season Premiere**

Paranormal investigators Amy Bruni and Adam Berry, along with psychic medium Chip Coffey, return for Season Seven of their creepy series, which features 10 episodes beginning with "Broken Spirits." The team visits a former poorhouse in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, where rumors of torture tarnish an already dreadful history. The facility is now a cultural center, but intense paranormal activity terrifies employees and guests. Can the team rectify the horrors of the past and bring peace to this haunted place?

Magic of Disney's Animal Kingdom

Nat Geo, 9 p.m.

In "Gorilla Divemaster," a western lowland gorilla takes a road trip to receive pioneering hyperbaric oxygen therapy, a black rhinoceros is fitted with a fitness tracker to study his movements, the veterinary team investigates what might be causing a roan antelope to lose weight drastically, and the Galapagos tortoises celebrate their 10th birthdays with a wild party.


'Game Theory With Bomani Jones'

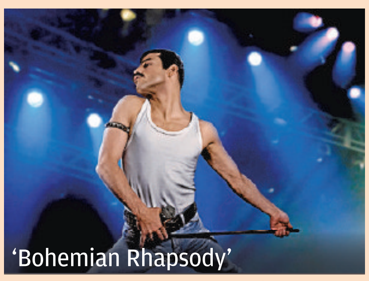
HBO

Game Theory With Bomani Jones

HBO, 10 p.m. ■ **Season Premiere**

Sports journalist and commentator Bomani Jones returns for Season Two of his weekly, late-night series that breaks down timely issues playing out in the world of sports.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE


'Bohemian Rhapsody'

NICK DELANEY

Bohemian Rhapsody (2018, Biography) Rami Malek, Lucy Boynton **FX, 6 p.m.**

Men in Black 3 (2012, Action) Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones **VH1, 6 p.m.**

Creed II (2018, Drama) Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone **TBS, 7 p.m.**

Erin Brockovich (2000, Drama) Julia Roberts, Albert Finney **POP, 7 p.m.**

Bolt (2008, Children) John Travolta, Miley Cyrus **Disney, 7:30 p.m.**

Zero Dark Thirty (2012, Drama) Jessica Chastain, Jason Clarke **Vice, 7:30 p.m.**

Me, Myself & Irene (2000, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Renee Zellweger **IFC, 8 p.m.**

The Godfather (1972, Crime drama) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino **AMC, 8 p.m.**

Independence Day (1996, Science fiction) Will Smith, Bill Pullman **VH1, 8:30 p.m.**

American Made (2017, Comedy-drama) Tom Cruise, Domhnall Gleeson **FXM, 9 p.m.**

Fast & Furious (2009, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker **E!, 9 p.m.**

CATCH A CLASSIC

Female Detectives — Part 3: Rogue Females

TCM, Beginning at 7 p.m.

Turner Classic Movies concludes its Friday evening salute to fictional female film detectives this evening with four films. First is 1947's **Lured (pictured),** a film noir offering a change of pace for fans of Lucille Ball who are accustomed to seeing her in more comedic roles. Ball plays an American in London who helps police find a serial killer after her friend disappears. George Sanders, Charles Coburn and Boris Karloff co-star in director Douglas Sirk's mystery. Next, in **Wanted! Jane Turner** (1936), both criminals and two postal investigators (played by Gloria Stuart and Lee Tracy) are intent on locating the "Jane Turner" to whom a letter and loads of cash were sent in the wake of a mail robbery. Following that is one of the earliest noir films, **Stranger on the Third Floor** (1940), in which Margaret Tallichet plays the fiancee of a reporter (John McGuire) who is arrested following two murders; in an attempt to clear his name, she seeks out a strange man (Peter Lorre) who seems linked to the crimes. Finally, in **Deadline at Dawn** (1946), Susan Hayward plays a dance-hall girl who embarks on an eventful evening as she helps a soon-to-ship-out sailor (Bill Williams) find the person who murdered a woman he had met earlier.

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McEntire, Peterman remain close long after end of 'Reba'

By Neal Justin
Minneapolis Star Tribune

Melissa Peterman, left, and Reba McEntire star in the movie "Reba McEntire's The Hammer." **LIFETIME**

Cast members on hit sitcoms will often swear they are one big, happy family — then delete one another's cellphone numbers halfway through the wrap party.

Not Reba McEntire and Melissa Peterman.

Nearly 16 years after "Reba" went off the air, the country music legend and the actor from Minnesota remain tight. Their latest collaboration, "Reba McEntire's The Hammer," recently premiered on Lifetime and is also available for streaming through various services.

"If I texted her right now, she'd call me in two minutes," Peterman said recently. "We've got each other's back."

Before becoming a sitcom regular, Peterman made her mark in the Minneapolis theater scene. She also played a chatty sex worker in the 1996 movie "Fargo," an opportunity that helped her make the decision to try her luck in Los Angeles.

By 2001, she was cast in WB's "Reba" as Barbara Jean, the eager-to-please girlfriend of the title character's ex. The show's biggest laughs came from McEntire recoiling from Barbara Jean's attempts to win her over.

In real life, they quickly bonded, so much so that McEntire asked her to be her opening act when she went on tour, an invitation that started Peterman's stand-up career.

They also discovered they were good traveling companions. During joint family vacations, the two will play backgammon or card games. They recently watched "The Godfather" together.

"We're both very easygoing, except we both always need to know where lunch is and where," said Peterman, who gave a heartwarming tribute on stage in 2018 when McEntire received a Kennedy Center Honor.

The two have continually popped up in each other's projects, with McEntire guest starring on several of Peterman's sitcoms, including "Baby Daddy." The two both have recurring guest star roles on CBS' "Young Sheldon," although they have yet to share a scene together.

But they have plenty of interaction in "The Hammer." McEntire plays Kim Wheeler, a rural Nevada judge juggling several high-profile cases at once, including a murder in which her sister (Peterman) is a chief suspect.

"(Kim) is quite the character," McEntire said last year during a virtual news conference. "She's a little-bitty gal. But what she does and how she stands up to people who have done other people wrong, she makes it all fair. You listen to her, and go, 'Well, that makes sense. Why don't more people do it like that?' "

When she's not laying down the law, Wheeler spews out Reba-isms like "awesome possum" and "I'm sweating like a whore in church."

Peterman has gotten used to Reba-speak. Well, for the most part.

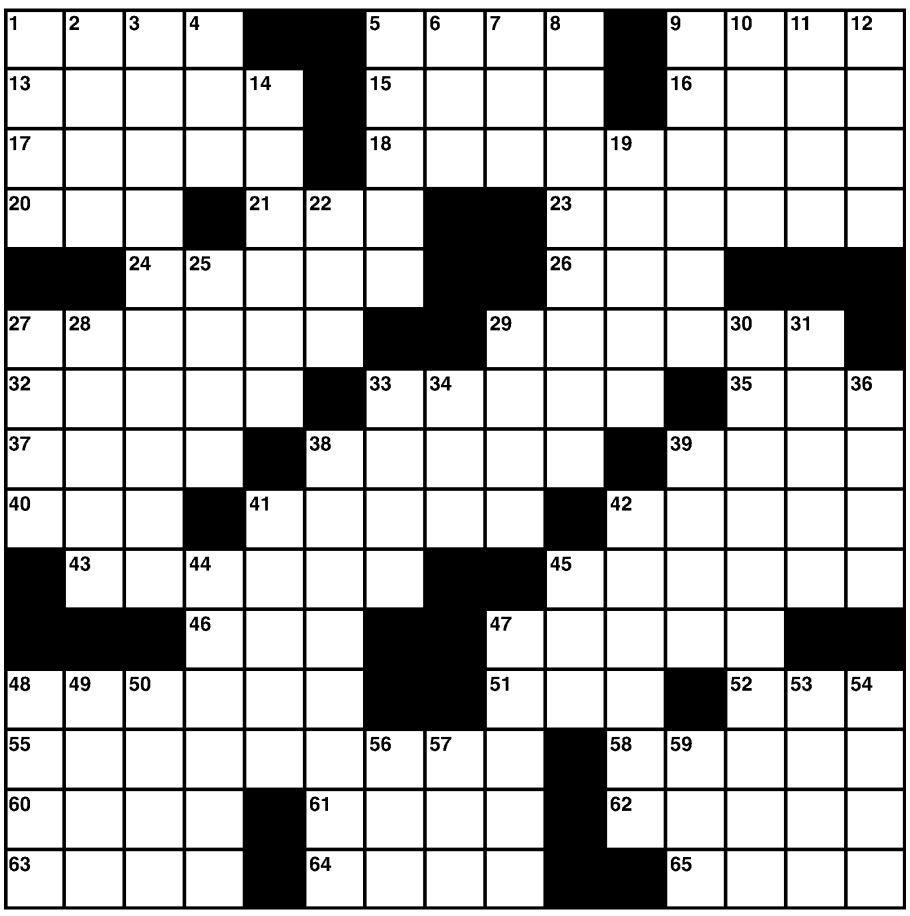
"One time she said, 'We're so excited, we're tossing babies in the air,' " said Peterman, who will also appear on an upcoming episode of "Celebrity Name That Tune." "And I'm like, 'Where did that come from?' "

The reunion that everyone is hoping for is a reboot of "Reba." Both stars have said they are open to the idea.

In the meantime, there's "The Hammer," with the potential for more movies down the road.

"You know, it could have been a limited series. It could be a series. It could be movies, because Kim does have so many great stories to tell," said McEntire, who also got the chance to act alongside real-life boyfriend Rex Linn, who plays the judge's possible love interest. "Melissa said several times, 'Oh, my gosh, we could do this again.' "

Crossword



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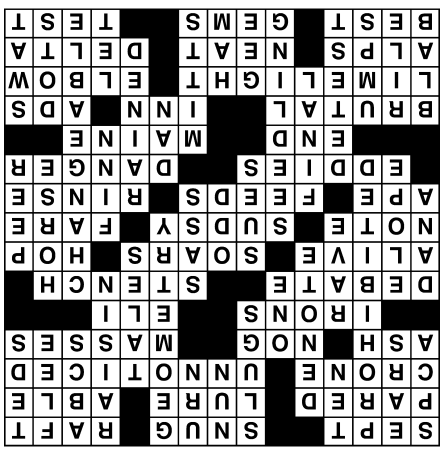
1 Calendar pg.
5 __ as a bug in a rug
9 Huck Finn's float
13 Removed apple skins
15 Entice
16 Competent
17 Old hag
18 Inconspicuous
20 Wood for flooring
21 Eggy drink
23 Tumors
24 Actor Jeremy
26 Samuel's mentor
27 Candidates' face-off
29 Bad smell
32 Still breathing
33 Flies high
35 Toad's movement
37 Written message
38 Like soapy water
39 Taxi ride cost
40 Chimpanzee
41 Provides with a meal
42 Washing machine cycle
43 Albert & Van Halen
45 Hazard
46 Bring to a close
47 Atlantic state
48 Vicious
51 Traveler's stop
52 Promos
55 In the __; center stage
58 Part of the arm
60 European peaks
61 __ as a pin
62 Major airline
63 Most excellent
64 Amethyst & ruby
65 Trial run

DOWN
1 Humane soc. ally
2 "Little pitchers have big __"
3 Forbidden
4 Part of a royal flush
5 Slimy crawlers
6 Wimple wearer
7 "Ode on a Grecian __"
8 High school math class
9 Dried fruit
10 Alphabet
11 Get away
12 Turner & Kennedy
14 Symbolize
19 Stories
22 "__ Bad Apple"; 1971 song
25 Talk wildly
27 Actress Delany
28 Take the honey and run
29 Talk back
30 Fluctuating
31 Wild West transport
33 Takes to court
34 Bizarre
36 One's equal
38 Very young tree
39 Helsinki native
41 End-of-semester test
42 Poured
44 Hate
45 Mr. Aykroyd
47 Romney & others
48 Spill the beans
49 Make angry
50 Diamond men
53 Specks
54 Kill flies
56 "Wow!"
57 Easter entrée, perhaps
59 __ up; abate

Solutions



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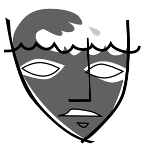


Today's birthday (Jan. 20): Build your dream place this year. Your consistent, excellent work is lucrative. Adjust around a winter change of heart for satisfying springtime domestic projects. One summer social door closes and another opens, revealing rising autumn professional status and influence. Wrap home and family in love.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Enter an innovative period. Team efforts and collaborative projects are favored this month, with the sun in Aquarius. Your social life gets extra fun.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Accept an exciting challenge this month, with the sun in Aquarius. Take advantage of new professional opportunities. Your status and influence are rising.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Leap boundaries, push limitations and discover. Travel and studies beckon, with the sun in Aquarius this month. Explore a fascinating subject with great potential.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Focus on family finances this month, with the sun in Aquarius. Sort, file and organize. Talk about long-term goals, dreams and fun possibilities.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Grow and build successes in partnership, with the sun in Aquarius. Collaborate, compromise and negotiate win-win deals. Provide stability. Rely on each other.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Prioritize work and physical health under the Aquarius sun. Raise the level of your performance with practice and care this month.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Begin a highly creative month, with the sun in Aquarius. Balance with fun, family and friends. Practice hobbies, sports and talents. Invent possibilities.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Home and family flower, with the Aquarius sun for the next month. Nurture your creativity in comfortable surroundings. Take care of household responsibilities.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Sift data and sort it into order, with the sun in Aquarius. Learn and retain complex material. Communication flows easily. Research, write and publish.

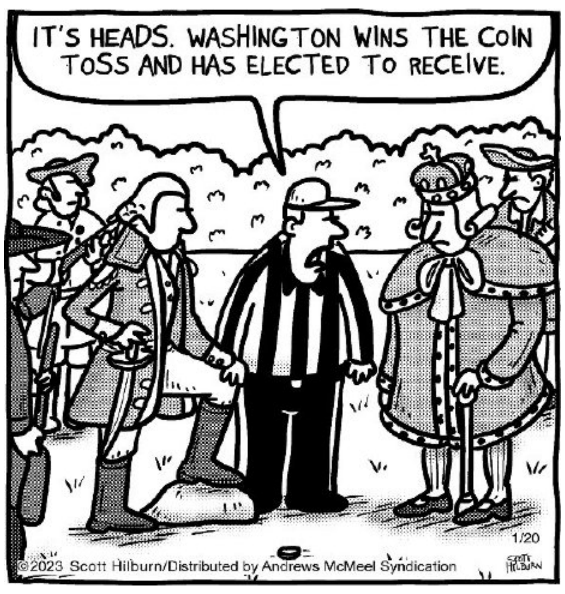
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. You're growing stronger. Money comes more easily this month, with the sun in Aquarius. Balance expenses with income. Advance strategically. Divert extra savings.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Consider possibilities. Personal dreams entice. You have a distinct advantage, with the sun in your sign this month. Use your growing power for good.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Savor privacy and introspection this month. Finish projects in peaceful productivity, with the sun in Aquarius. Recharge with rest, nature and meditation.

— *Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency*

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn


IT'S HEADS. WASHINGTON WINS THE COIN TOSS AND HAS ELECTED TO RECEIVE.
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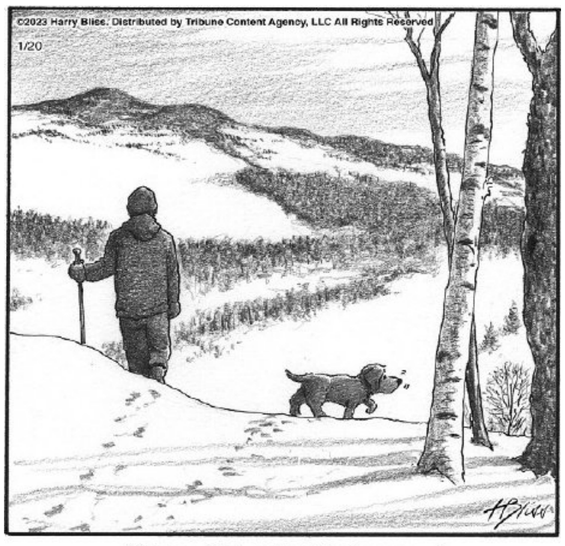
Bliss By Harry Bliss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"Nope. Not going that way ..."

Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

North
♠ Q 9 8 7
♥ A 4
♦ A Q 10 6 2
♣ 5 4

West
♠ 10
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ K J 5 4
♣ J 10 7 2

East
♠ J 6 3 2
♥ Q 9 7
♦ 9 3
♣ K 9 8 3

South
♠ A K 5 4
♥ K 8 6 2
♦ 8 7
♣ A Q 6

Of note in the auction, aside from North's aggressive bidding, is North's three-heart bid. Experts use three of the other major, after a Stayman response, to agree on opener's major and to suggest slam. A very useful tool.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦**	Pass	6♠	All pass

***Artificial slam try agreeing spades**
****0 or 3 key cards, among the four aces and the king of spades**

Opening lead: Jack of ♣

The opening club lead went around to South's queen. Declarer got off to a good start by leading a diamond to the queen right away. A spade to his ace brought the 10 from West – an ominous sign. A diamond to the ace was followed by another diamond. East shed a club and South ruffed low. A 3-3 diamond split would have assured the contract, but now there was work to do. Ace – king of hearts and a heart ruff, followed by a club to the ace and a heart ruff with dummy's queen, left this position"

North
♠ 9
♥ Void
♦ 10 6
♣ Void

West
♠ Void
♥ Void
♦ K
♣ 10 7

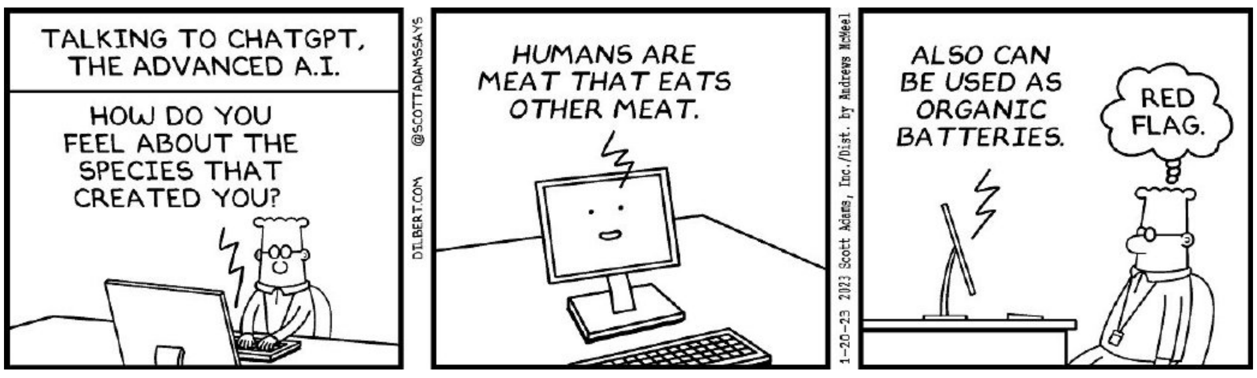
East
♠ J 6 3
♥ Void
♦ Void
♣ Void

South
♠ K 5
♥ Void
♦ Void
♣ 6

A diamond from the dummy saw East ruff with the six – his best play. South over-ruffed with the king and ruffed his club with dummy's nine of spades. East over-ruffed, but South's five of spades beat East's three for the final trick. Nicely done!

— *Bob Jones, Tribune Content Agency*

Dilbert By Scott Adams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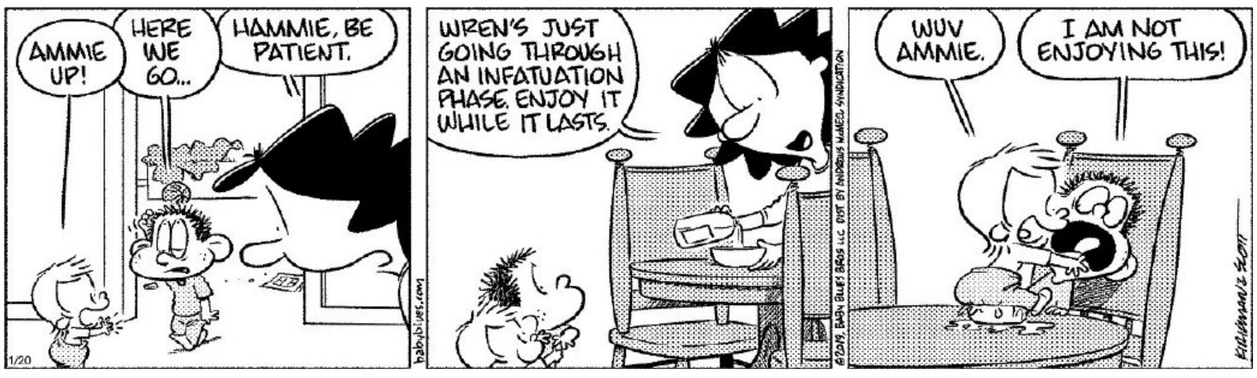
RED FLAG.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott (Baby Blues is on vacation until January 30. Please enjoy this strip from 2019.)


AMMIE UP!
HERE WE GO...
HAMMIE, BE PATIENT.
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WREN'S JUST GOING THROUGH AN INFATUATION PHASE. ENJOY IT WHILE IT LASTS.
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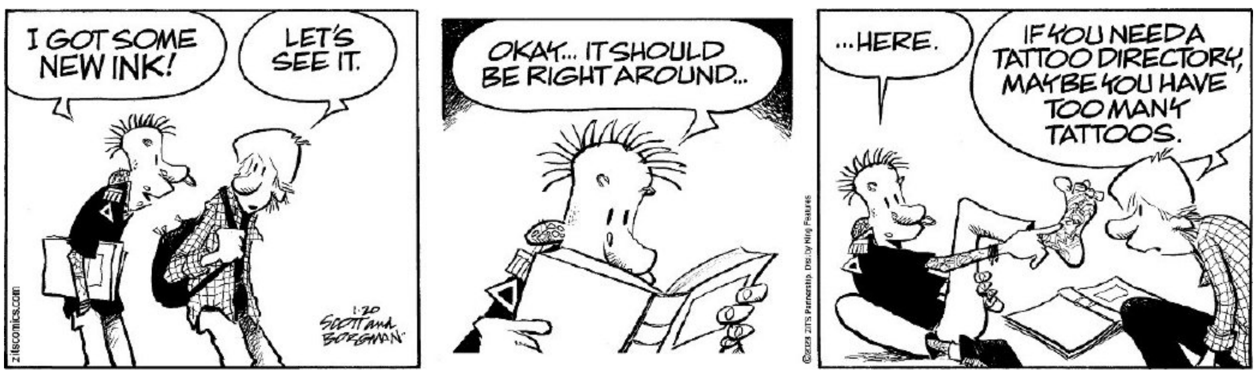
I AM NOT ENJOYING THIS!
KIRKMAN & SCOTT

Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman


I GOT SOME NEW INK!
LET'S SEE IT.
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OKAY... IT SHOULD BE RIGHT AROUND...
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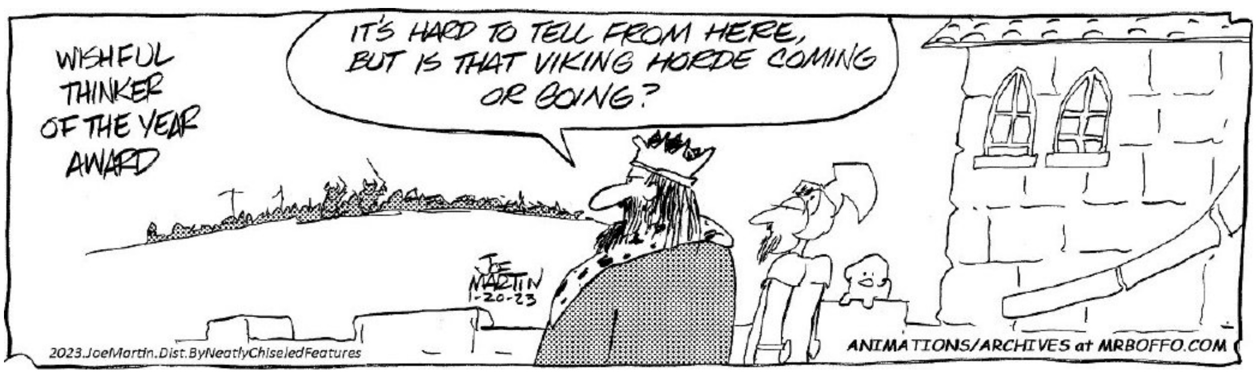
IF YOU NEED A TATTOO DIRECTORY, MAYBE YOU HAVE TOO MANY TATTOOS.

Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin


WISHFUL THINKER OF THE YEAR AWARD
IT'S HARD TO TELL FROM HERE, BUT IS THAT VIKING HORDE COMING OR GOING?
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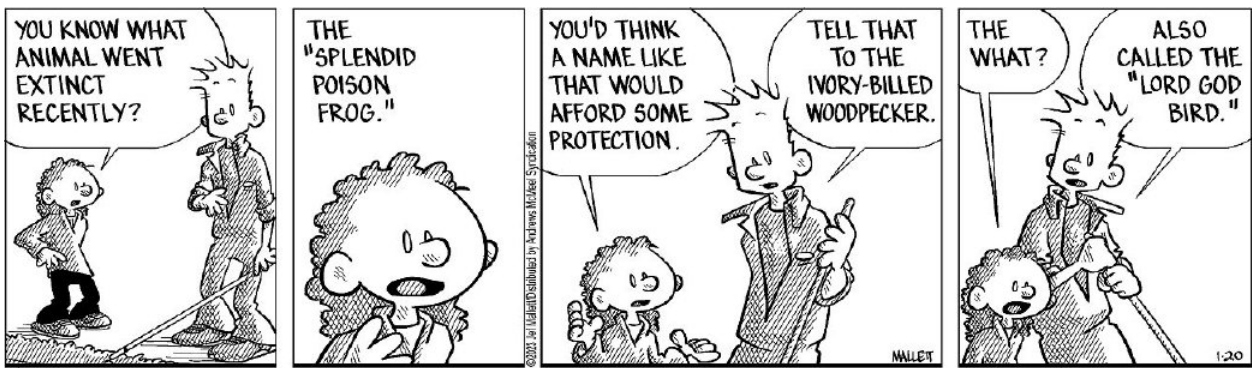
YOU KNOW WHAT ANIMAL WENT EXTINCT RECENTLY?
THE "SPLENDID POISON FROG."
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YOU'D THINK A NAME LIKE THAT WOULD AFFORD SOME PROTECTION.
TELL THAT TO THE IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKER.
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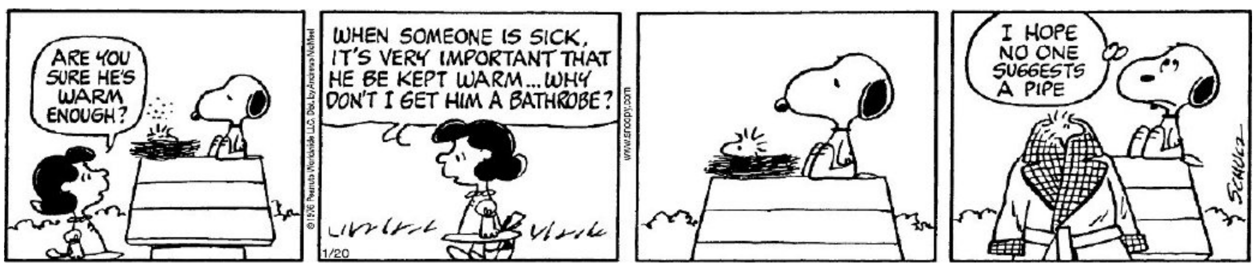
Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz


ARE YOU SURE HE'S WARM ENOUGH?
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WHEN SOMEONE IS SICK, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT HE BE KEPT WARM...WHY DON'T I GET HIM A BATHROBE?
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I HOPE NO ONE SUGGESTS A PIPE
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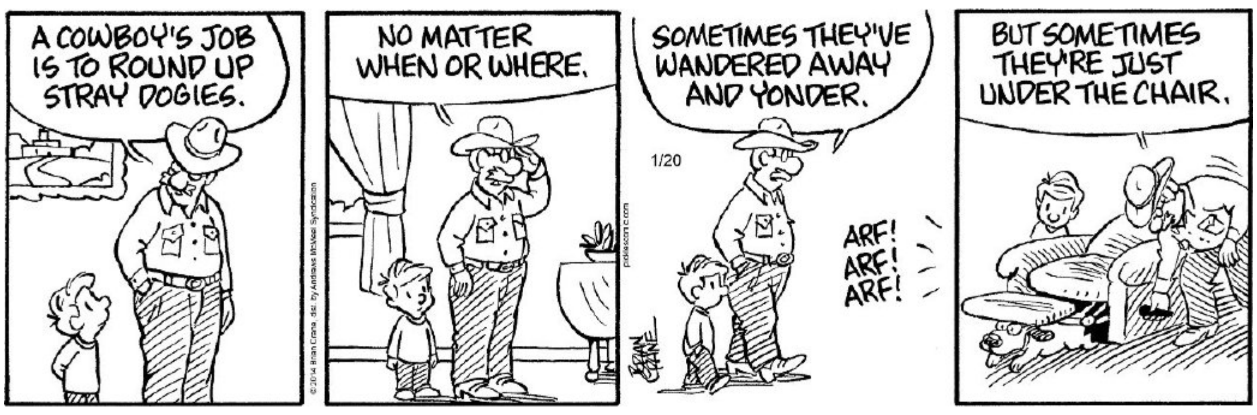
A COWBOY'S JOB IS TO ROUND UP STRAY DOGIES.
NO MATTER WHEN OR WHERE.
SOMETIMES THEY'VE WANDERED AWAY AND YONDER.
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ARF! ARF! ARF!
BUT SOMETIMES THEY'RE JUST UNDER THE CHAIR.

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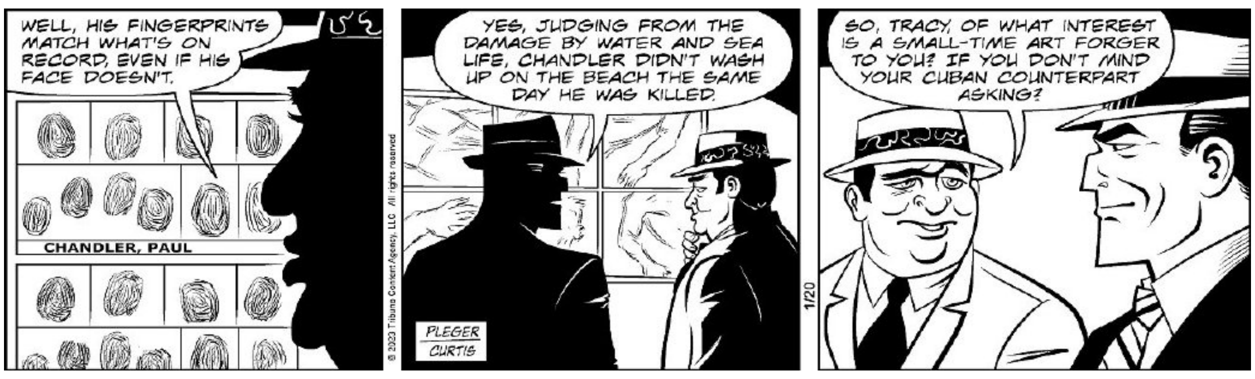
WELL, HIS FINGERPRINTS MATCH WHAT'S ON RECORD, EVEN IF HIS FACE DOESN'T.
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YES, JUDGING FROM THE DAMAGE BY WATER AND SEA LIFE, CHANDLER DIDN'T WASH UP ON THE BEACH THE SAME DAY HE WAS KILLED.
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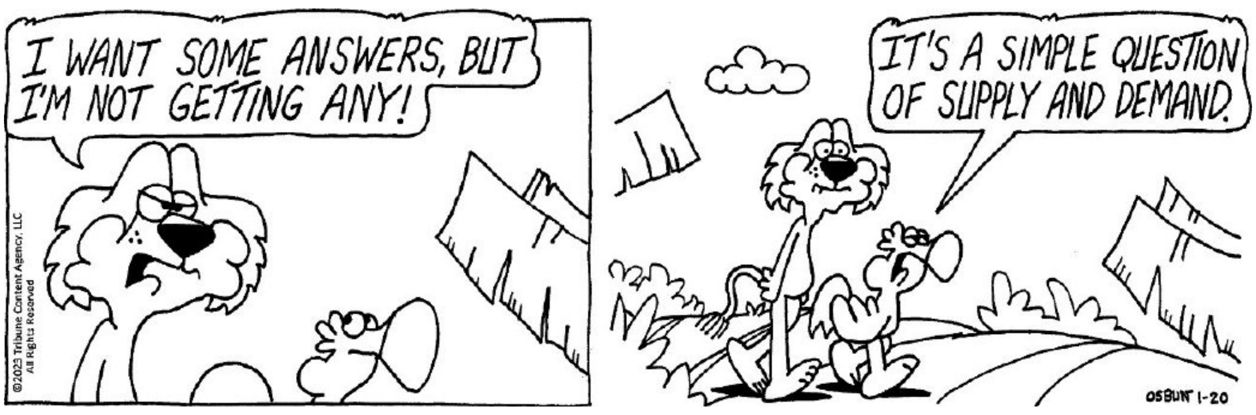
I WANT SOME ANSWERS, BUT I'M NOT GETTING ANY!
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IT'S A SIMPLE QUESTION OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND.
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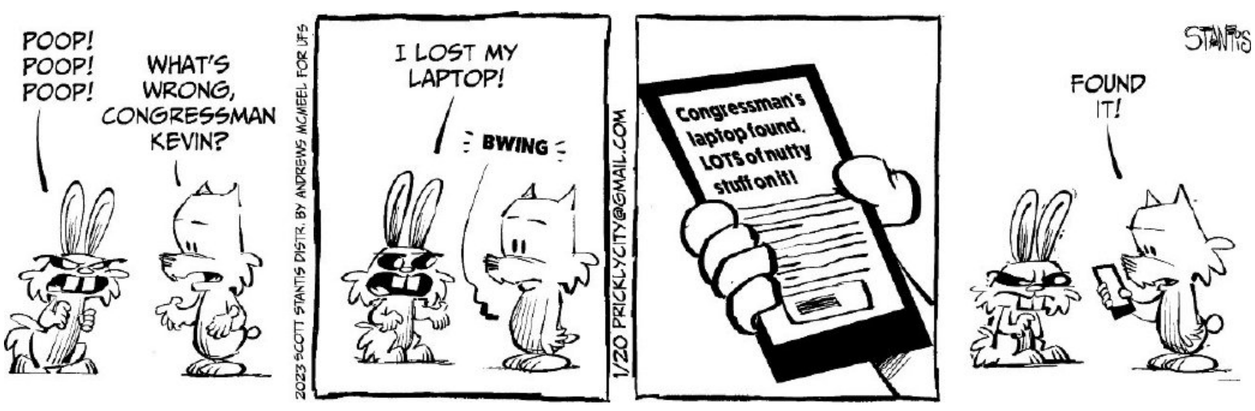
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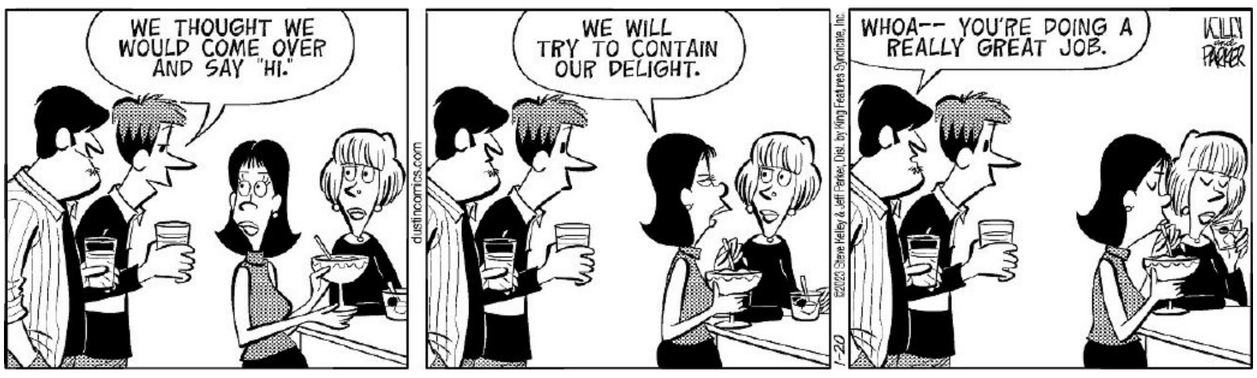
WE THOUGHT WE WOULD COME OVER AND SAY "HI."
WE WILL TRY TO CONTAIN OUR DELIGHT.
WHOA-- YOU'RE DOING A REALLY GREAT JOB.
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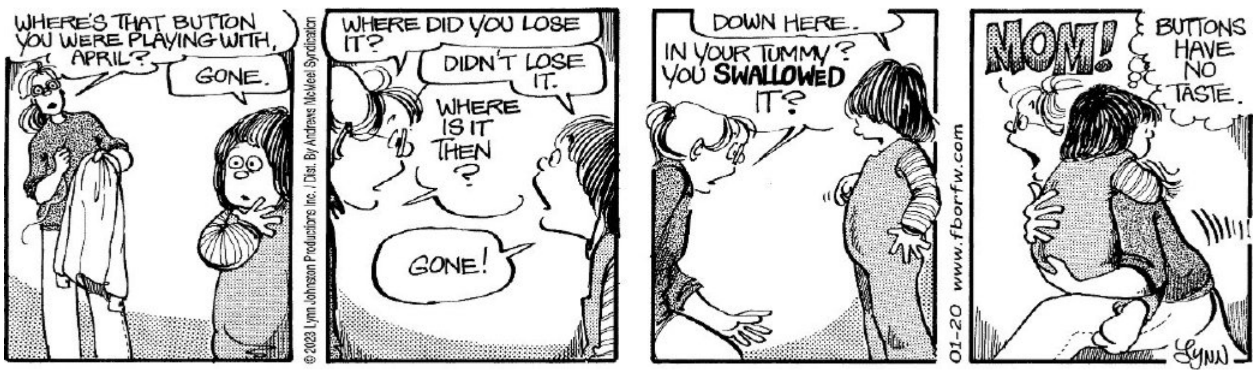
For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston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GONE.
WHERE DID YOU LOSE IT?
DIDN'T LOSE IT.
WHERE IS IT THEN ?
GONE!
DOWN HERE.
IN YOUR TUMMY? YOU SWALLOWED IT?
MOM!
BUTTONS HAVE NO TASTE.
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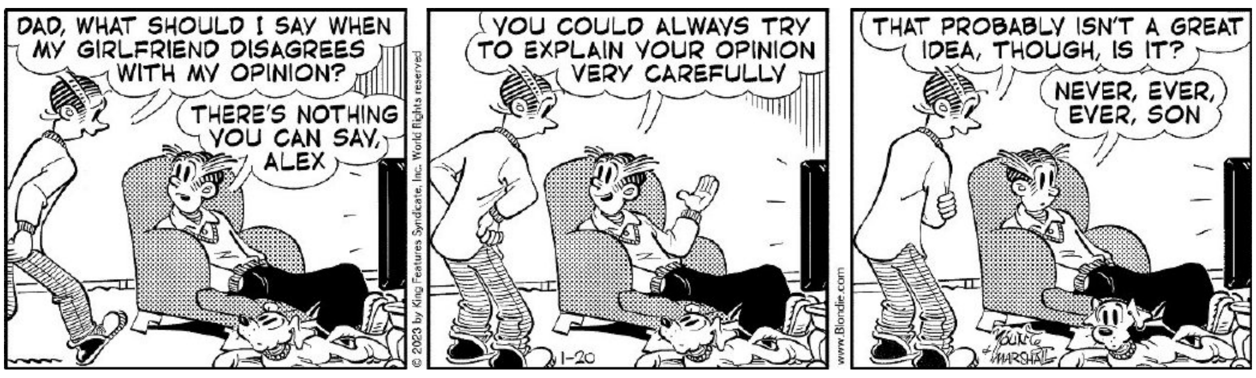
Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall


DAD, WHAT SHOULD I SAY WHEN MY GIRLFRIEND DISAGREES WITH MY OPINION?
THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN SAY, ALEX
YOU COULD ALWAYS TRY TO EXPLAIN YOUR OPINION VERY CAREFULLY
THAT PROBABLY ISN'T A GREAT IDEA, THOUGH, IS IT?
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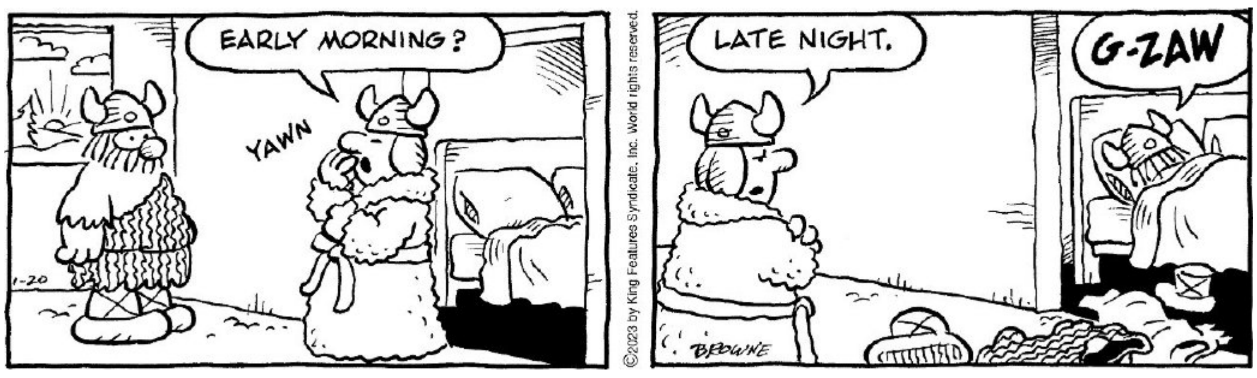
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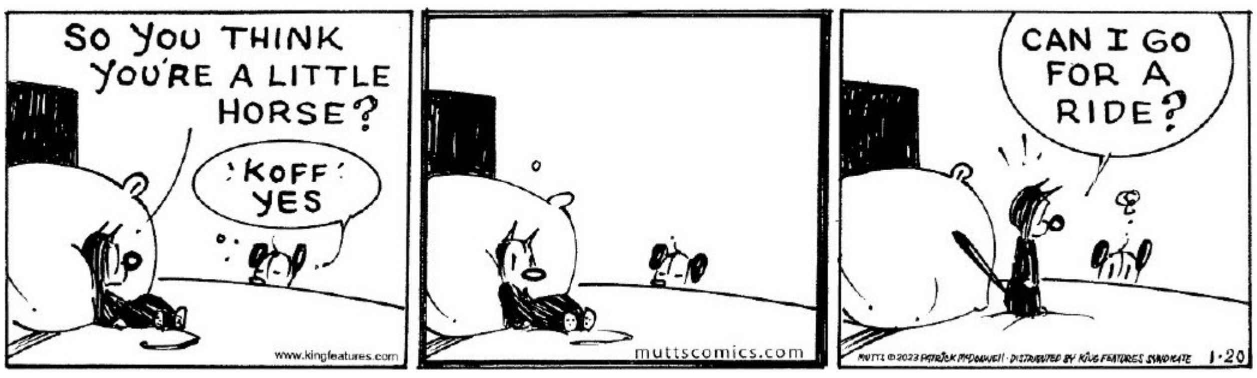
Mutts By Patrick McDonnell


SO YOU THINK YOU'RE A LITTLE HORSE?
KOFF YES
CAN I GO FOR A RIDE?
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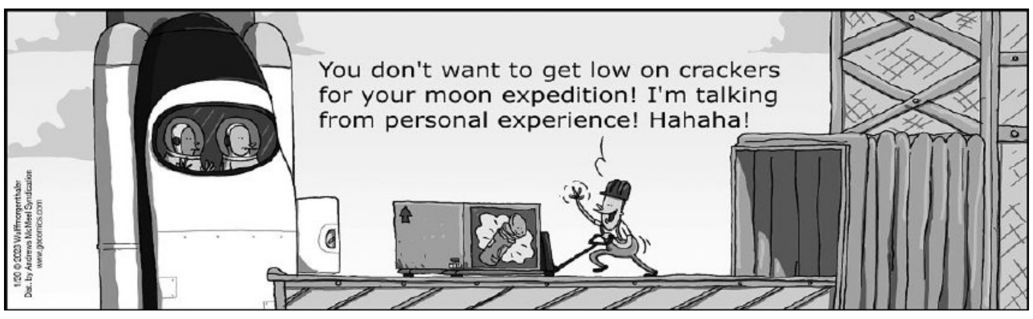
You don't want to get low on crackers for your moon expedition! I'm talking from personal experience! Hahaha!
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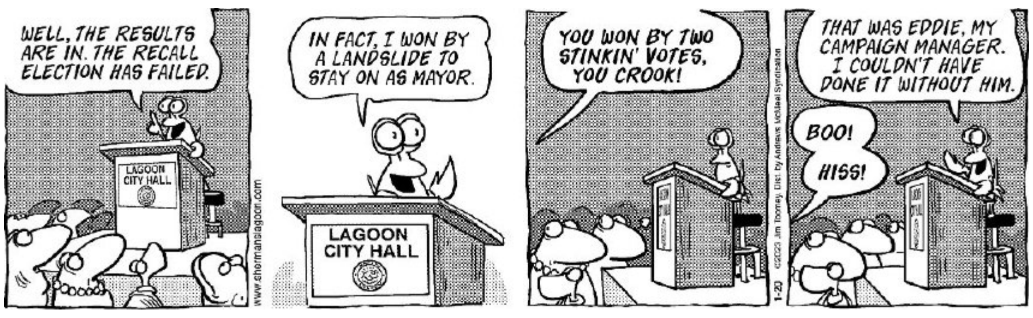
Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey


WELL, THE RESULTS ARE IN. THE RECALL ELECTION HAS FAILED.
LAGOON CITY HALL
IN FACT, I WON BY A LANDSLIDE TO STAY ON AS MAYOR.
LAGOON CITY HALL
YOU WON BY TWO STINKIN' VOTES, YOU CROOK!
THAT WAS EDDIE, MY CAMPAIGN MANAGER. I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT HIM.
BOO!
HISS!
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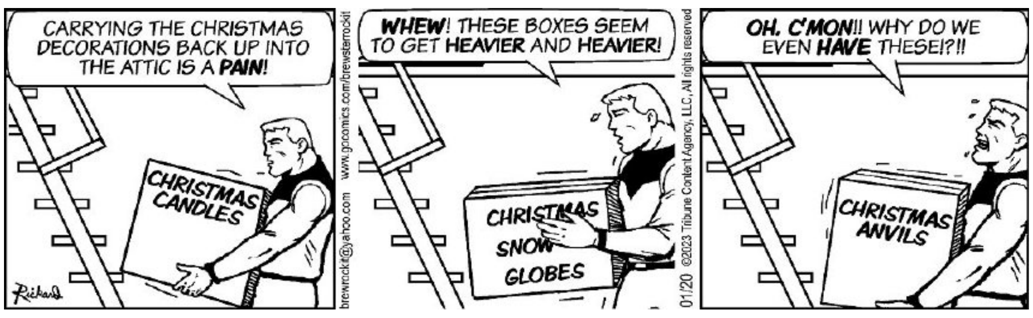
Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard


CARRYING THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS BACK UP INTO THE ATTIC IS A PAIN!
CHRISTMAS CANDLES
WHEW! THESE BOXES SEEM TO GET HEAVIER AND HEAVIER!
CHRISTMAS SNOW GLOBES
OH, C'MON!! WHY DO WE EVEN HAVE THESE!?!!
CHRISTMAS ANVILS
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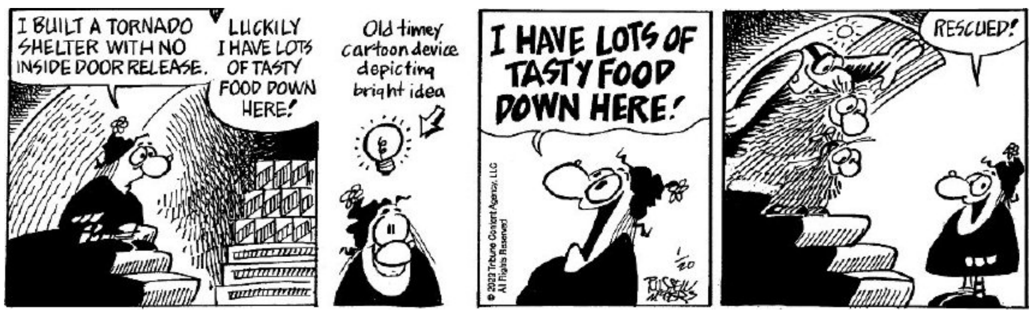
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers


I BUILT A TORNADO SHELTER WITH NO INSIDE DOOR RELEASE.
LUCKILY I HAVE LOTS OF TASTY FOOD DOWN HERE!
Old timey cartoon device depicting bright idea
I HAVE LOTS OF TASTY FOOD DOWN HERE!
RESCUED!
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RUSSELL MYERS

Trivia Bits

Stone Library in Massachusetts houses the books and archives of which two American presidents?
A) John Adams and John Quincy Adams
B) George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush
C) Benjamin Harrison and William Henry Harrison
D) Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Baines Johnson
Thursday's answer: U2.

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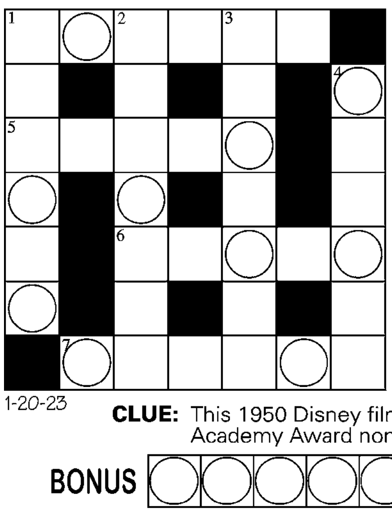
Jumble Crossword



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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Woman, girl	EAEMFL
5. Synthetic material	LNOYN
6. Picture	MIAEG
7. Bug	NIESCT

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ____ bender	DEFERN
2. "____ Dollar Baby"	NIOILLM
3. Connection	KIEGANL
4. Most recent	EASTLT

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: This 1950 Disney film received three Academy Award nominations.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○○○

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ANSWERS: 1A-Female 5A-Nylon 6A-Image 7A-Insect 1D-Fender 2D-Million 3D-Linkage 4D-Latest B-Cinderella

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Thursday's solutions

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8	9	5	3	4	7	6	1	2
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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

NHETT
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WRANP
○○○□□

POESOP
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MCTOIM
○○□□○□

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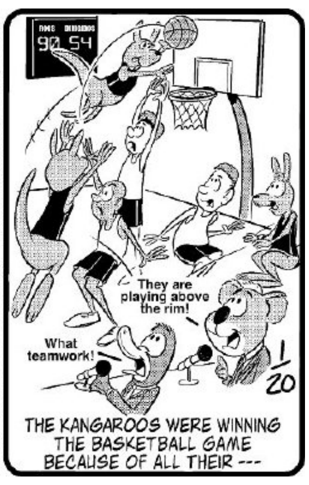
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They are playing above the rim!
What teamwork!
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THE KANGAROOS WERE WINNING THE BASKETBALL GAME BECAUSE OF ALL THEIR ---

Answer here

"○○-○○○-○○○○○○○"

Thursday's answers

Jumbles: GRAVY WEIGH LEVITY SPLINT
Answer: To build China's famous system of walls, they went to — GREAT LENGTHS

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Crossword

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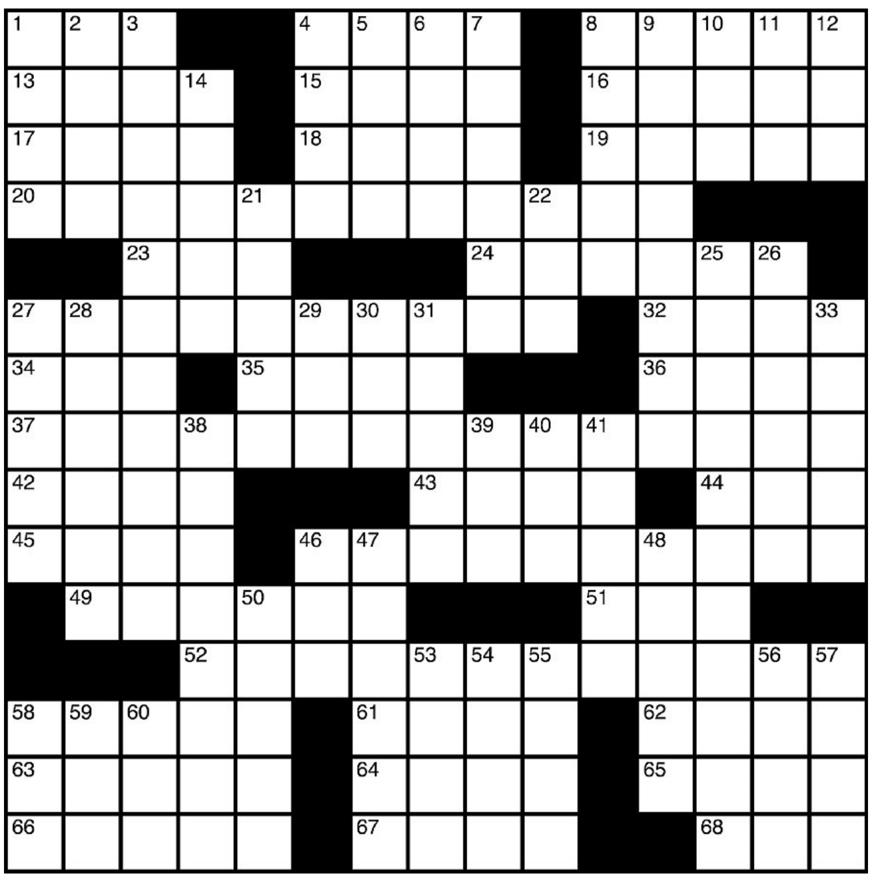
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Across

1 Meet portion, or portion of meat
4 Film franchise featuring Lightning McQueen
8 Regarding
13 Portfolio options, for short
15 Perched on
16 Deteriorating
17 "Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of __"
18 NYC gallery with a Bell helicopter on display
19 Melted together
20 Dinner roll that provides an unexpected boost?
23 Pool necessity
24 Had as a regular customer
27 Outlandish stories about Vietnamese soup?
32 Bulky boats
34 Lithium-__ battery
35 Seized auto
36 Tease mercilessly
37 Valued at one fancy ballpoint?
42 Texter's "But ... "
43 "Monday Night Football" commentator Aikman
44 Young man
45 Anklebones
46 Golfers who just need to dance, dance, dance before every drive?
49 Stretching muscle
51 Common Market letters
52 Chophouse order, and an apt title for this puzzle?
58 Silky fabric
61 The "genu-" in "genuflect"
62 American tennis phenom Gauff
63 Begins
64 Low-pH stuff
65 Is shy
66 Play area
67 Egg layers
68 After taxes

Down

1 Command to a prompter
2 Actress Moriarty who plays Starlight on "The Boys"
3 PlayStation, for one
4 Strappy top, for short
5 Comprehensive
6 Trevi Fountain city
7 Like Greenland's population
8 "Zero stars"
9 Edge
10 Sterile work environs
11 Employ
12 "Thank you for coming to my __ Talk"
14 Azalea, e.g.
21 Park and drive
22 "If I Were a __": Beyoncé ballad
25 Horseracing achievement
26 "Will do, hon"
27 Crochet loop
28 Heckle
29 Seydoux of "No Time to Die"
30 On the facing pg.
31 Compass dirección
33 Mails
38 Watering down
39 Tarzan creator's monogram
40 Also
41 Blood groups
46 AAA job
47 Neo-soul artist Badu
48 Boxer's favorite store, maybe?
50 Feel
53 "... cut __": end of a carpentry maxim
54 Bridle strap
55 Canvas shoe brand
56 Frozen treat brand
57 Station
58 Distress signal
59 Likely (to)
60 Leaves for dim sum

Thursday's solution

S	L	E	D	■	P	A	B	S	T	■	S	E	A	L
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A	T	T	N	■	N	O	T	S	O	■	S	A	D	E
T	E	S	S	■	S	T	E	E	L	■	A	L	E	S

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BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

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SUDOKU

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		7	1	6	4			

Level: 1 2 3 **4**

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit *www.sudoku.org.uk.*

9	1	2	8	3	6	7	4	5
6	5	8	7	4	1	2	3	9
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BOGGLE

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

O	O	E	D
F	T	Y	R
H	N	E	A
C	L	I	M

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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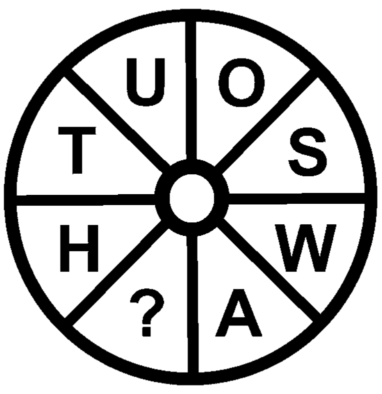
WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

SOUTHPAW

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: horses

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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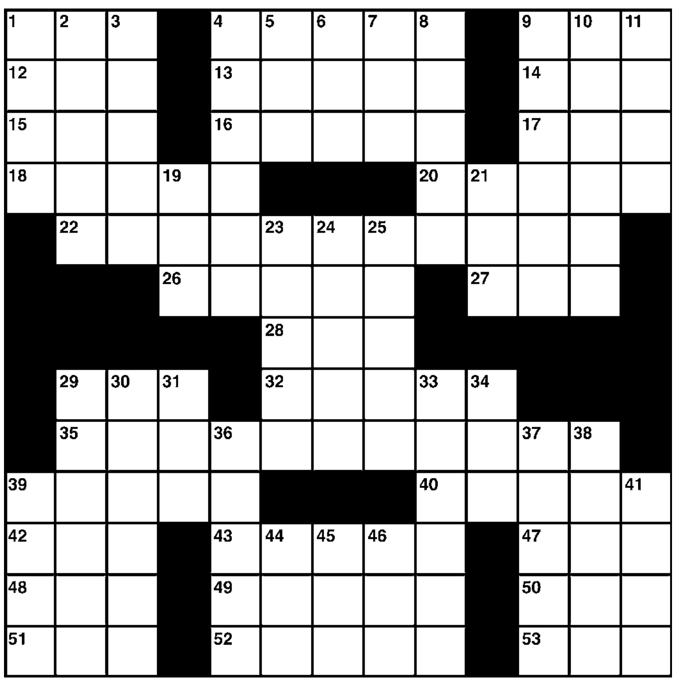

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ACROSS

1 “Home Economics” role
4 Homes for Flintstones & Rubbles
9 Network for “Bull”
12 __ Gardner
13 Farewell
14 Actress MacGraw
15 Cartoon dog
16 Sounds of anguish
17 Haul something heavy
18 “__ & Prejudice”; Kiera Knightley film
20 Hayes or Hunt
22 “FBI: International” role
26 Painter’s stand
27 Suffix for insist or consist
28 __ Aviv
29 Not long __; recently
32 “__ Destruction”; 1965 song
35 “Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman” star
39 “The Fresh Prince __-Air”
40 Tennessee __ Ford
42 Chat room giggle
43 Can wrapper
47 Ms. Lupino
48 John of “Touched by an Angel”
49 Furious
50 Danson or Koppel
51 Wall and Easy: abbr.
52 “__ Is Enough”
53 Trauma ctrs.

DOWN

1 Waterproof covering
2 Turn __ new leaf; reform
3 “The __ the Iron Mask”; DiCaprio film
4 “Candid __”
5 “Much __ About Nothing”
6 By way of
7 Suffix for eight or velvet
8 Japanese fish dish
9 O’Donnell’s “NCIS: Los Angeles” role
10 Most unhappy
11 Endorse
19 …FDR, HST, __, JFK…
21 90 degrees from NNW
23 Will or Rob
24 Actor Christopher
25 Actress Kirstie
29 Retired NASCAR champion
30 Actor Clark & his kin
31 “__ Life to Live”
33 Breakfast order
34 “Grounded __ Life”
36 __ Bishop; “NCIS” role
37 Bring together
38 “Ghost __”; Nicolas Cage movie
39 Cutlass or Alero
41 Actor George
44 Onassis, to friends
45 Paper sack
46 Haile Selassie’s land: abbr.

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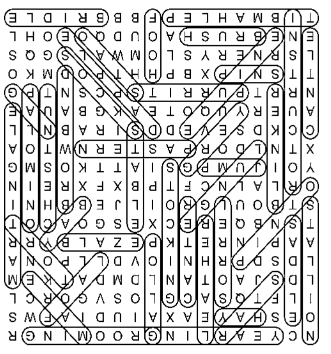

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JUMBLE

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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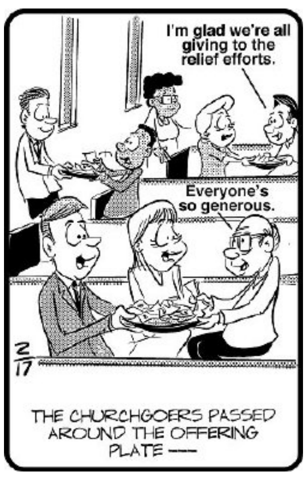
I'm glad we're all giving to the relief efforts.
Everyone's so generous.
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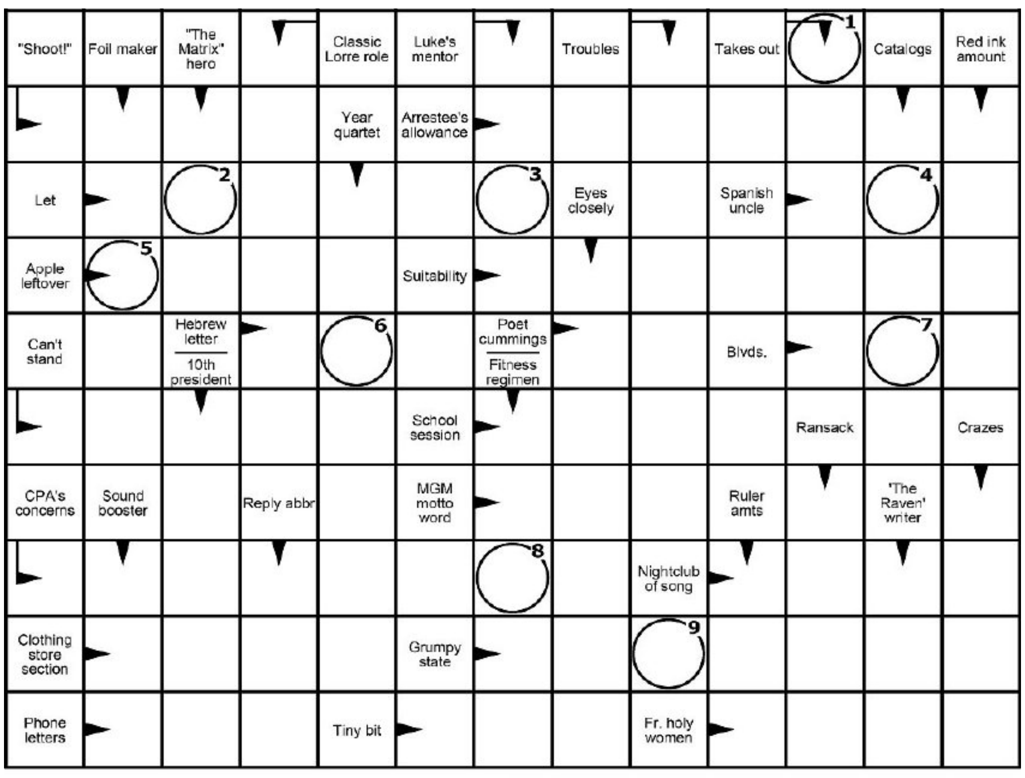
THE CHURCHGOERS PASSED AROUND THE OFFERING PLATE ——

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Jumbles: CIVIL COUCH REALLY STEREO
Answer: The churchgoers passed around the offering plate — COLLECTIVELY

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.


"Shoot!"
Foil maker
"The Matrix" hero
Classic Lorre role
Luke's mentor
Troubles
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Red ink amount
Year quartet
Arrestee's allowance
Let
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Eyes closely
Spanish uncle
4
Apple leftover
5
Suitability
Can't stand
Hebrew letter
10th president
6
Poet cummings
Fitness regimen
Blvds.
7
School session
Ransack
Crazes
CPA's concerns
Sound booster
Reply abbr
MGM motto word
Ruler amts
'The Raven' writer
8
Nightclub of song
Clothing store section
Grumpy state
9
Phone letters
Tiny bit
Fr. holy women

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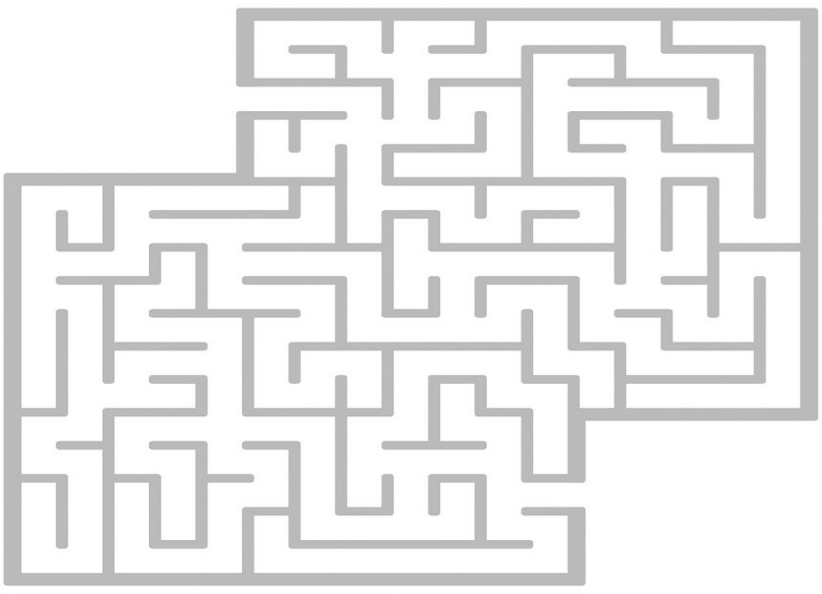
KIDNEWS FUN & GAMES



FIND 3 DIFFERENCES